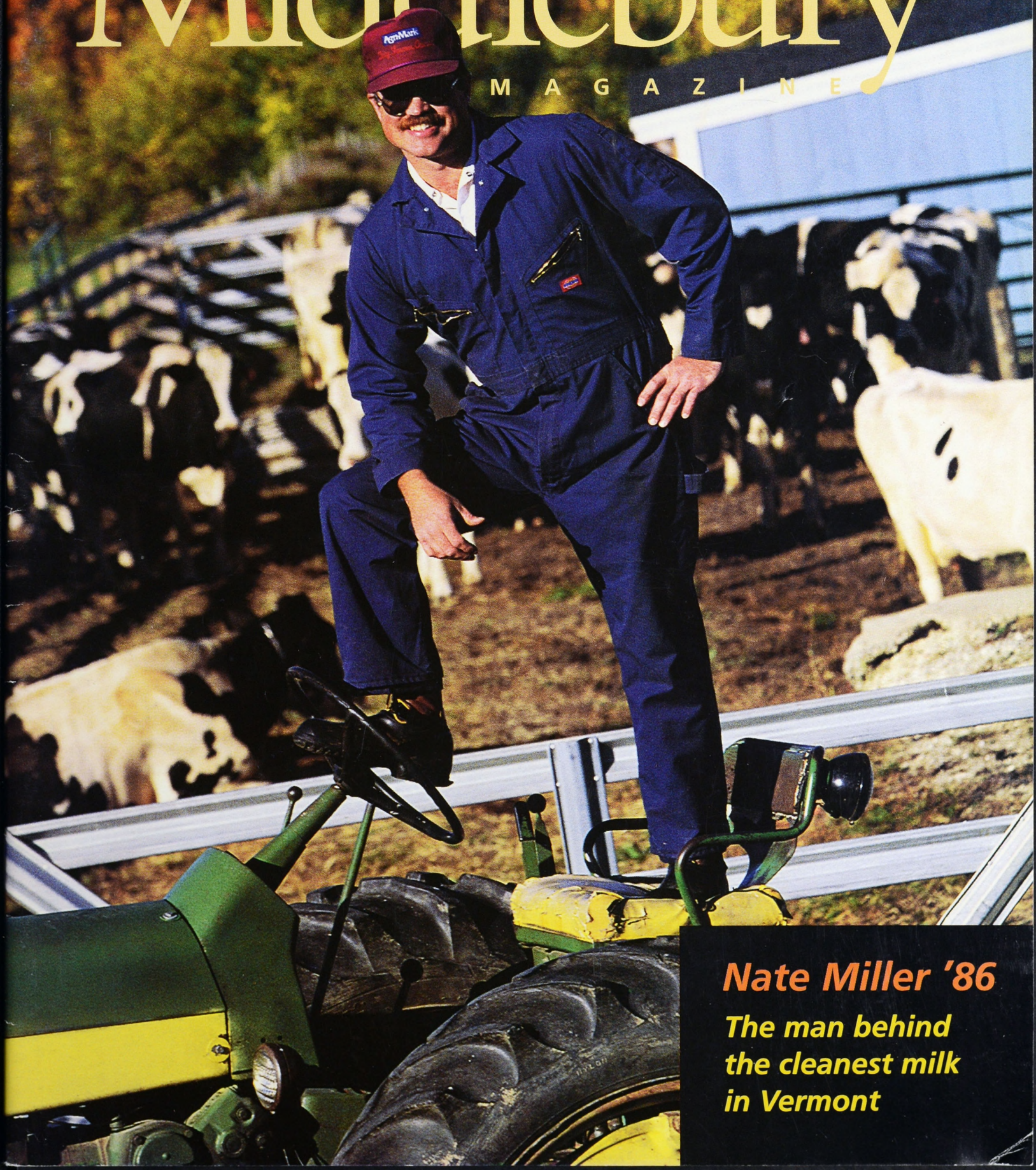


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FALL BRINGS WINDS OF CHANGE

Close your eyes and imagine fall in Vermont: the snap of a crisp cold apple, the crackle and swish of leaves underfoot, children's calls blown in the wind, and flocks of redwing blackbirds wheeling through a clear, blue sky.

It was just such a bittersweet fall afternoon at Alumni Stadium for Middlebury's first football game of the season. This day would bring more than a football game, but we were, at first, unaware of it. Happy to just savor the warm sun and the cool breeze, we arrived with children, picnics, dogs, and with the prospect of rooting Middlebury on against a formidable football adversary. They had their work cut out for them. Wesleyan scored six touchdowns in the first half (all caught by one Wesleyan receiver—an NCAA record, it turned out), and though Middlebury made three touchdowns, it was tough going.

Some alumni had come from great distances to see not just the game, but the events scheduled for halftime. Though most of the cheering fans didn't yet know, a cane had traveled over 200 miles to arrive at Middlebury, precisely at halftime of this football game. And it would be presented to President McCardell on the green of the playing field.

For this day marked the final leg of a relay run from New Haven, Connecticut, to Middlebury, a run which replicated the journey taken in 1798 by the Reverend Timothy Dwight, then president of Yale, when he came to discuss with Middlebury citizens their desire to establish a college. But more than a symbolic run, this event had become an emotional event for those alumni and staff who participated. Martin Beatty '84, who began the first leg of the run in New Haven, and his wife Barbara, and Betsy Heath Gleason '58 and Bob Gleason '54 came back with stories from cities and towns where Middlebury people ran with babies in strollers, ran with parents, and ran with friends. Middlebury people hung banners from their homes and churches, and some drove hundreds of mile just to run several miles more. Mona Meyers Wheatley '56, who organized the event, said she'd never seen, never imagined, such a response.

So when halftime finally came and the football players filed off, a line of over 100 runners jogged in two by two from the far fields. They presented the cane to President McCardell, who called it "a symbolic meeting of town and College." And as the announcer explained over the loudspeaker that this Bicentennial Run kicked off the observation of the College's 200th birthday, McCardell observed another birthday: he presented a cane to perhaps the oldest runner, R.C. Anderson '40, whose 80th birthday it was that day.

If those in attendance needed further evidence of the comfortable mingling of past and present, they had only to glance outward at the curved roof line of the new hockey arena taking shape against the mountain vista. As the Bobolinks, Mischords, and Mamajamas sang "Gamaliel Painter's Cane," we all watched gulls sweep overhead on gusts of autumn wind, reminding us that as one season ends, surely a new era for Middlebury is beginning. ■ RM

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Openness Toward Military

Bravo to 2nd Lieutenant Christine Waasdorp '94. Bravo to *Middlebury Magazine*. And bravo to Middlebury College. The article on Lieutenant Waasdorp in the Summer '98 *Middlebury Magazine* gave me goose pimples. As a 1966 Middlebury College language program graduate with a master's in German, I applaud the openness and objectivity of the Middlebury community in its posture towards the nation's military. The article on Lieutenant Waasdorp's experience at Fort Sam Houston certainly backs up my observation. My eldest daughter underwent similar experiences as a basic trainee assigned to an Army Reserve hospital in the early '80s. She loved it too. While not for everyone, those who choose to serve deserve the kind of recognition that *Middlebury Magazine* has expressed in "Fighting for a Chance to Heal" and which Middlebury College has traditionally supported. Many thanks.
Ray Bell
M.A. German '66
Cornwall-on-Hudson,
New York

Courage Everywhere

Congratulations on the excellent Summer '98 issue of your magazine. The various articles only go to confirm how many and varied are the ways to wear "the hat of courage"! *Nina Camuti Danielsen '42*
Somerset, New Jersey

Aloha

I've often wondered—am I a Middlebury alumnus? In the College's eyes? I attended Middlebury only one summer—1961—for the Russian Summer School. I earned only six credits but they were enough to earn a B.A. in Russian in 1962 from my alma mater—University of Hawaii, which at the time did not offer enough courses in Russian to meet a European language major. My summer at Middlebury was enough to make me Hawaii's first graduate in Russian language. Middlebury opened the door to an eventual M.A. and Ph.D. in Russian from UCLA. I have never been back to Middlebury. Nor have I even experienced the famous Vermont winter. My memories are of a softly warm idyllic summer, and a fond aloha for the privilege of attending,

only briefly, a school that, in essence, gave me—so generously—the chance to become what I am today. Am I, would you say, an alumnus? I would like to say—I am! Aloha!
David R. Grant
Pearl City, Hawaii
Russian School '61

Sense of Belonging Strong

I'm writing to express my deepest thanks at being considered an alumnus of Middlebury College. I was at the Bread Loaf School of English during the summer of '95 as an exchange student from Germany. My contact with Middlebury College was incredibly fulfilling and rewarding but nonetheless very brief—hardly the making of an alumnus. And yet I continue to regularly receive (and devour!) *Middlebury Magazine*. I don't necessarily recognize many of the names, but I find myself secretly rooting for the various sports teams from across the ocean (your contribution to sports notwithstanding!), giving thought to the administrative challenges elaborated by the president, and feeling proud of the academic goals aimed at

and met. I guess what I enjoy most is the general sense of community that Middlebury College and the magazine perpetrate, especially while living in a country where the sense of belonging is not very pronounced in the academic world.

Barbara Kraus

BLSE '95

Germersheim, Germany

Guide Posts for Others

The chronicle of one woman's struggle with clinical depression by Nancy Price Graff '75 ("A Life Ripped Open," Summer '98) was riveting. Poignant and haunting, her vivid depiction of the torturous and bewildering oppression that the illness can inflict upon its victims represents a courageous and generous contribution to the Middlebury community. Anyone who has seen serious clinical depression up close, in themselves or in someone they love, cannot help but feel a visceral appreciation of the harrowing trauma that Graff has endured.

Graff's account forms part of a growing testimonial literature on clinical depression and manic depressive illness. Thoughtful and articulate narratives like Graff's can provide crucial support to fellow sufferers and their loved ones. They give voice to those who find themselves inexplicably mute and put words to the seemingly indescribable incursions on the self and the soul

that the illness produces for so many. They stand as guide posts in the treacherous and forlorn landscape of depression; although they may not point to a direct way out, they serve notice that others have passed through similar territory, managed to survive, and found at least some measure of relief.

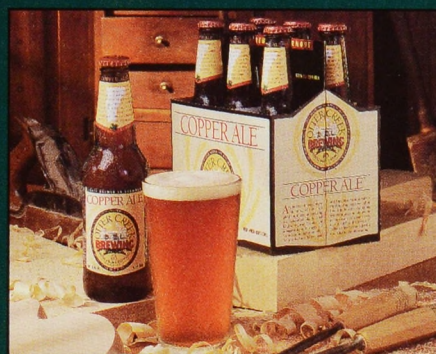
Adlai Hardin '90

Paris, France

Skies Not Blue for All

I would like to commend Nancy Price Graff '75 for her brave and brilliantly written article, "A Life Ripped Open" (Summer '98), detailing her sufferings from clinical depression. For a brief period during my Middlebury years, I also experienced an intense depression, and for years after I feared a return of those terrible feelings of anxiety, lack of concentration, and the unbearable sense of isolation and hopelessness. It is scary how fast the downward spiral descends and thoughts of suicide surface. This period of my life was blessedly brief compared to the long-term suffering that Ms. Graff so movingly describes in "A Life Ripped Open." That she has the courage to keep fighting for a normal life despite her daily circumstances testifies to her amazing spirit and strength of character. Her generous sharing of her story is surely appreciated by the

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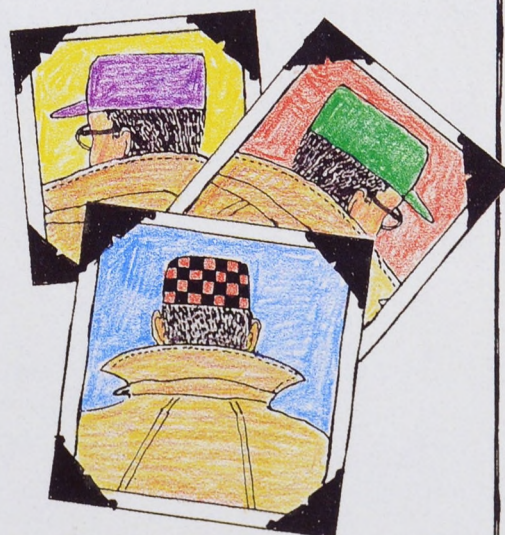


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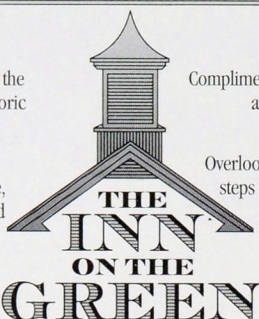
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Middlebury graduates who have experienced a measure of her pain, and maybe even more, the many who have never been depressed. She bravely dispels darkness by clarifying misinformation about depression and the aftermath of such illness.

The article also testifies to her formidable writing talent. That her illness has left her with such powers of description and narrative eloquence is a great blessing to her and her readers. I hope that Ms. Graff considers expanding her article into a book someday. She has the descriptive powers of Sylvia Plath and describes her experiences with similar sensitivity. Such a book would be a valuable asset to literature and consolation to the sufferers of depression and their families.

Ironically, the cover of the Summer '98 issue of *Middlebury Magazine* is titled "Nothing But Blue Skies." Clearly not all graduates get blue skies in the post-Middlebury life. The majority will replace the naive optimism of graduation euphoria with the valuable but painfully-earned wisdom of human suffering and disappointment. I was saddened to read her story, but honored to read about a different kind of courageous achievement from a Middlebury graduate. The pages of *Middlebury Magazine* most often detail the fortuitous athletic,

academic and career achievements of Middlebury grads. Impressive as they always are, Ms. Graff's story of courage and perseverance is a true proof of the quality of a Middlebury graduate.
*Michael D. McGuire '90
Freiburg, Germany*

Powerfully Moving Account

I want to commend you for including the Nancy Price Graff piece on depression. Not only was the article factually informative, it was one of the most powerfully moving personal accounts I've ever read. Somehow, in writing about a very difficult subject, Nancy managed to describe the indescribable with eloquence, forthrightness, and sensitivity. I thank her for her courage in taking the risks associated with such personal writing, and I thank you for printing what she had to say.
*Dee Steffan '75
via the internet*

Personal Experience with Depression

As a "true pilgrim" I salute you for the courage and clarity of your article "A Life Ripped Open," which appeared in the Summer 1998 *Middlebury Magazine*. The night I read it was a nonsleeping one for me, and being with you in your story helped allay the fears which were rising in mine. I worked five years to regain myself in this diminished form, and still

tremble when those “day-to-day depressions” occur, wondering if they will dissipate or persist. The only other writing I have read on depression which captures anything of its inherent terror is Styron’s *Darkness Visible*, which I read over and over during the most paralyzing phases of my illness. I needed to know that someone who felt as horrible as I did recovered. That knowledge served me as hope which had utterly fled.

Thank you for telling your story. I have seen three grandchildren born since I stopped seeing my therapist. I have smelled them and held them and folded my diminished self around them. I did not know when I was ill that this was the life ahead of me—the lives ahead of me. They seemed to fit right into the place that used to be me. It was worth it.

Irene Williams Nicastro '89
M.A. English '89
Voorburg, Netherlands

What it Means to be Human

Whatever confluence of decisions—on the part of the writer Nancy Graff, her family, friends, medical and psychiatric advisors, and of *Dartmouth Medicine* magazine and *Middlebury Magazine*—accounts for the appearance of “A Life Ripped Open,” the payoff for readers is profound. Graff’s candor and heart make this exploration of the horrors of depression one of the most moving

personal accounts I’ve read anywhere. Resisting easy conclusions, false hopes vivifying our sense of the delicate balance required in sustaining what many of us take for granted—our “sanity”—Nancy Graff helps us to see, feel, and register on so many levels the rich, strange power of the human psyche, whose depths are as unfathomable as its heights.

Depression of the severity Graff describes acquaints us intolerably with this sense of aloneness, and yet it is striking that, for me anyway, Graff’s depiction of her own mental darkness draws me nearer to her than any dismissal or white washing or disingenuously “hopeful” palliative possibly could have done. You have captured my heart as well as my mind, Ms. Graff, and my expression of gratitude is at least some attempt to repay you for the service you not only have rendered to me, but, I suspect, the rest of your *Midd Magazine* readers. Letting us into the uncharted reaches of your own private universe beckons the rest of us into equivalently enigmatic and terrifying—yet, when they can be shared, sometimes astonishingly rewarding and illuminating—reaches of our own private universes. Thank you for showing us a bit more about what it means to be human.
Guy Kettelhack '73
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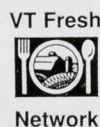
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Graff Helps Educate

I applaud you for having the confidence to include the article, "A Life Ripped Open," in the summer issue of *Middlebury Magazine*. It is the best and most accurate article I have read on the experience and effects of depression on an individual within a family unit. Nancy Graff describes the illness clearly and sensitively: an incredibly impairing disease that is still not understood by the general public.

Depression in its chronic form is not only incapacitating but also lonely, since mental illness carries such stigma. Efforts by people such as Graff to describe their experiences, and the willingness of journals to print them, will help to educate the masses and help eliminate their fears. In this way we can hope that mental health issues will eventually be dealt with in a way similar to physical disease. When we stop looking for blame and concentrate on treatment, the patient has the best possible outcome. Thank you for printing a

very moving story.

*Mary Mackenzie Cork '79
Acton, Massachusetts*

Graff: Wonderful Cartoon: Horrible

As a fan of the magazine, I wanted you to know how much I enjoyed the article by Nancy Price Graff '75 in the Summer '98 issue. It was exactly the kind of thing the magazine should be in the business of publishing: The big issue (depression and, as important, our society's near total ignorance about the disease) was brought home through the experiences of a thoughtful and articulate member of the Middlebury community. It was a wonderful, horrifying story, presented beautifully.

All of the above made it hard to accept the sophomoric little cartoon on Sylvia Plath's "Early Shopping List" presented on page three of the same issue. I don't know who "dug Nap" is (the cartoonist is not identified as far as I can tell), but this little "dug Nap parody" strikes a particularly jarring note, considering what comes along later.

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On the one hand, you have a moving story about a woman battling for her life against depression; on the other, a lame attempt to get a laugh at the expense of a woman who lost her battle with the disease. I'm not sure which would be more disappointing to learn: that no one thought about the juxtaposition of these two items, or that you folks saw it and decided it didn't matter. Either way, it's pretty unfortunate. You obviously have the right to present things such as "dug Nap's" trifle (even if I happen to think it displays bad taste). But I can't imagine any justification for doing so in the same issue with Graff's powerful and graceful essay.

*Tim Etchells '74
via the internet*

Tim Etchells is a former editor of Middlebury Magazine.

Gross Bad Taste

As a publishing poet and reader of Sylvia Plath (and of Ted Hughes, with whom I am slightly acquainted), I wish to protest what seems to this alumnus to be in gross, bad taste—namely, the gratuitous "dug Nap parody" on page three of *Middlebury Magazine*, Summer '98. For shame. (And the cartoon doesn't even faintly resemble Plath!)
*Sheldon Flory '50
Naples, New York*

Cruel Joke

What cruel and inhuman gremlin made you publish the Sylvia Plath parody at all, let alone in the same issue as Nancy Price Graff's heart-rending account of her own struggle with depression? I don't know how you can possibly make it up to Ms. Graff, but you at least owe your readers an apology for this unfortunate lapse in judgment.

*Janet S. Reed '61
Chicago, Illinois*

Mag's Mission?

Having just perused the Summer 1998 edition of the *Middlebury Magazine*, I cannot refrain from writing you of several observations—only my opinions, of course. First, to print the Sylvia Plath cartoon, or whatever you choose to call it, was in poor taste and totally insensitive. Secondly, the article, "A Life Ripped Open," though admittedly well written, belongs rightfully in the *Dartmouth Medicine* magazine, not *Middlebury Magazine*. Thirdly, increased space devoted to advertising makes me wonder, all things considered, what is the mission of this publication?

*Joan Calley Cooper '42
San Francisco, California*

Apology Needed

Explain this: in an issue containing the courageous and sensitive portrait of depression by Nancy Price Graff, you also ran a tasteless dug Nap "car-

toon" which mocks the tragedy of the suicide of Sylvia Plath, a great poet. I would like to see a written apology for running the cartoon at all. I'm sure I'm not alone in finding it a disturbing choice. Thank you, at least, for the article, which was rare in both frankness and clarity.

*Nance Smith '80
Montpelier, Vermont*

Appalled

When I opened my Summer 1998 issue of *Middlebury Magazine*, my first reaction was shock. Then I was appalled. The "parody" of Sylvia Plath—hardly a cartoon—is NOT funny. It is, in fact, cruel. The juxtaposition of the stark realities portrayed in the moving article, "A Life Ripped Open," and this tasteless (supposed) joke is striking. Nancy Price Graff is a brave woman who has faced horrifying demons. To trivialize suicide in the issue in which she bares her soul is inexcusable. As the editor of a magazine myself, I am aware of the many decisions involved with each issue. Given the good taste and high standards exhibited in the magazine since you've been its editor, I doubt that you selected that illustration. But you're in charge. I believe that you owe Ms. Graff an apology, and that you owe your readers better judgment in the future.
*Susan Washburn Buckley '63
New York, New York*

From the Editor

We have printed many of the roughly dozen and a half letters we received about the cartoon in the summer issue, especially its unfortunate (and inadvertent) juxtaposition with the article by Nancy Price Graff about depression, "A Life Ripped Open." Many readers felt that suicide was an inappropriate topic for a cartoon, and, while I understand their dismay, I worry that out of fear of offending, we may so limit our "appropriate" topics for humor and discussion, that we soon stop talking and laughing entirely. As for an apology to Nancy Graff, she was gracious enough to let us know that she wasn't offended and even found the black humor amusing.—RM

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By John M. McCardell, Jr.

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Remarks to Parents

September 7, 1998

President John M. McCardell, Jr.

I welcome you to membership in the extended family that is Middlebury College. For some of you this is a third or fourth generation family or a third or fourth child. For each of your children, however, it is all new, fresh, exciting. This week your sons and daughters take their first steps across the threshold into this vast company, and we will do everything in our power, now and over the next four years, to make that experience stimulating, successful, and of lifelong benefit.

The metaphor of family is indeed appropriate. Ours is a special kind of affection. You have committed your sons and daughters to Middlebury College with hope and with faith and with no small measure of confidence. We mean to reinforce that hope, substantiate that faith, and be worthy of that confidence. To do this requires us, at least from time to time (and as unfashionable as it may sound), to view our role in this family as parental—recognizing that the education we seek to impart comes, certainly, from books and classrooms and laboratories, but that it comes also in residence halls and dining halls and playing fields—around the clock and in all venues. And we mean to educate—as any family also hopes to educate—not only in the standard academic fields, but also in a heightened sense of

community service and civic responsibility. In other words, we shall expect no less than you would expect of the Class of 2002, individually and collectively, and we shall do our very best to educate your sons and daughters broadly and well. In that effort we necessarily expect your judgment, but, as well, we ask your assistance and involvement. Hold us accountable for making good on our claims. At the same time understand—and perhaps help your sons and daughters to understand—that, while their Middlebury history and experience may be dated only from today, this venerable institution has been around for almost 200 years and probably, most of the time, knows what it is doing.

There are times, however, when we, like any other institution, may need to be challenged. This thought suggests a story that came to light this past summer and tells us something about the arduous reality that is education. The story was reported in the *New York Times* and had to do with the fact that the CIA had been taken by surprise when India tested nuclear weapons. The article explained how the agency sought to avoid such surprises and pointed out where an important process had, seemingly, failed.

There is, apparently, in the CIA an obscure post, created in 1979, headed by an individual whose title is National Intelligence Officer for Warning, and who is responsible for contrarian thinking. In other words,

this officer's job is to argue against the conventional wisdom. Or, as a former CIA director puts it, "to institutionalize the role of devil's advocate." As you might expect, after the India tests, everyone sought a scapegoat, and the blame ultimately fell on the shoulders of this poor fellow. Clearly, he hadn't done his job well enough!

The more you think about this, the more interesting—and complicated—it becomes. It is a marvelous—even somewhat comical—revisitation of the myth of Cassandra, cursed by Apollo always to be right but never to be believed. At the same time, as another former CIA director admits, "you have to maintain your credibility. You can't warn on everything, or else no one will take you seriously." He goes on to point out that "the worst part of the problem is that even when the warning officer is doing his job right, he is usually going to be wrong, because the consensus view is usually right."

My purpose in telling this story is not to enter the debate over why atomic testing on the Asian subcontinent came as such a surprise. Nor is it to suggest what, at least some days, it is like to be a college president.

Rather, my point is to indicate both what the process of education, broadly defined, is mostly about: the presentation of a position, the use of evidence to support that position, and, most important, the weighing and testing and challenging of that

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Bicentennial Celebration Off and Running



Above: Timothy Dwight—especially reincarnated for the occasion by Will Melton, vice president for external affairs—addressed those gathered to watch the run begin: “I am honored that these paragons of health wish to follow the trace of my pathway to Vermont.” Right: The New Haven kickoff included remarks by Richard H. Brodhead, professor of English language and literature and dean at Yale, and Nicholas R. Clifford, College professor emeritus of history.



On a beautiful fall day in September, Martin Beatty '84, in front of several dozen cheering Middlebury supporters and assorted Yalies, jogged out of New Haven, Connecticut, and headed for Vermont. He and Andy Zehner '84 ran together, the first of a relay team of Midd runners who were marking the beginning of the Bicentennial Celebration by running the first five miles of the Bicentennial Run.

Beatty, Middlebury's track coach, was following the path taken by Yale College President Timothy Dwight in September, 1798, when he rode his horse to Vermont to talk with Gamaliel Painter and other Middlebury citizens interested in creating a college. Two years after that fateful meeting, on November 1, 1800, Middlebury College was granted a charter.

This Bicentennial Run marked the beginning of the Bicentennial Celebration—a yearlong series of events that will mark Middlebury's upcoming 200th birthday. The New Haven kickoff included remarks by Nicholas R. Clifford, College professor emeritus of history; Richard H. Brodhead, professor of English language and literature and dean at Yale; Richard Silton '80, president of Middlebury's alumni association (MCAA); and a surprise appearance by Timothy Dwight (especially reincarnated for the occasion). Will Melton, vice president for external affairs, who inhabited the impressive 18th-century costume, was "terrific" as Dwight, according to Beatty. Dwight addressed the audience: "I am honored that these paragons of health wish to follow the trace of my pathway to Vermont. Those who first settled that wilderness were people of loose principles and looser morals." "He was comic relief," says Beatty, "but at the same time, he

brought a sense of realism."

As Beatty ran out of New Haven, he held high a ceremonial Gamaliel Painter cane that served as a baton for the relay of runners following him on this 200-mile journey. "When Andy and I were running the first leg we'd remark, 'Boy, how many of these buildings were here when Timothy Dwight rode out of New Haven?' We thought about the historic nature of it. This road was a dirt road. . . and how different things were for him. He wasn't passing McDonalds!"

The run, broken down into five-mile segments, was tackled on three consecutive weekends by Middlebury faculty, staff, alumni, students, and friends. "It was a wonderful, emotional feeling," Beatty said. "It felt like you were part of Middlebury history."

Bob Gleason, professor emeritus of chemistry and now director of bicentennial planning, ran a leg through Sheffield, Massachusetts. "It was an experience I'll never forget," he says. Gleason, who is 66 years old and obviously in formidable shape, says he "managed to chug along five miles carrying that massive cane of Gamaliel Painter's." But he wasn't the oldest of the participants by a long shot—a 76-year-old man did a leg, as did a current student and her father, and alums, faculty, and staff of various ages.

One leg was taken by a group of two alums and their husbands. "Three of them were always running," Gleason says. "One was driving a car with the four or five little kids they had among them. The kids would jump out of the car and yell, 'Go, mom! Go, dad!'"

Beatty remembers how Theodore Kolzak '47 kept driving by and honking the horn, yelling, "Go Midd!" "At one time, he parked and ran with us for 100 yards, in his street clothes. And then he met us at

our destination with a bottle of GatorAde and singing the 'cane song.'"

For Gleason, one of the "most magical things" happened in Great Barrington where there was an alum, Class of '52. "She had a Midd banner and a handmade sign that said, 'Go Midd, Go.' She was all dressed up in Sunday clothes standing outside a church." The timing turned out to be great. She had time to cheer on the runners before she went in and gave her sermon. ■



Andy Zehner '84 and Martin Beatty '84 ran together, the first of a relay team of Midd runners who were marking the beginning of the Bicentennial Celebration by running the first five miles of the Bicentennial Run.

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SINGING FOR THEIR SUPPER



The Bobolinks, one of Middlebury's many *a cappella* groups, has enjoyed two weeks of cruising and crooning aboard the QE2.

If Matt Grodd '99 has anything to say about it, the Bobolinks are going to take a cruise every summer. Aboard the QE2. After all, the D-8s have their spring break in Bermuda. Why shouldn't the Bobolinks sing for their supper aboard a luxury liner, enjoying a fun-filled week in London before cruising home?

The 14 *a cappella* crooners snagged this plum gig in 1997 when, through family connections to Cunard, Matt Grodd '99 (Bobolinks cobusiness manager) secured his group a berth on the Christmas cruise to Aruba, Venezuela, Grenada, and then Barbados.

According to Brodd, in the past only the Yale Whiffenpoofs and a group from Mount Holyoke have performed on the luxurious boat. But the Bobolinks were so popular they were asked back—this time for the summer cruise to England. Their responsibility: to offer three performances during the six-day cruise to England and three performances on the way home. Their payoff: to enjoy all the perks of a luxurious cruise liner and six fun-filled days in London.

They accepted. And though the group had been apart all summer, they practiced intently for the first three days, then put on a wonderful performance that wowed all the paying customers ("mostly older," Matt says diplomatically when describing his audience).

In fact, apart from the crew, the Bobolinks were clearly the youngest cruisees and "kind of conspicuous," according to Grodd. But in a nice way. "People came up and said we were the best entertainment on the ship."

They hope to be invited back, but if you have no plans for the QE2 next summer, you can catch the Bobolinks during FamilyWeekends, and their fall show is November 20. In addition they have recorded a CD which can be ordered by calling the group at 802-443-3989. ■

TO CHINA WITH LOVE

When Angie YanJun Zhong '94 came to Middlebury in 1990 she had never been abroad, her English was shaky, and her knowledge of computers and technology was minimal. Four years later she left Middlebury determined to embark on an international career, and after two years on Wall Street and one year at Harvard Business School, that dream has come true.

Zhong and three partners recently created ImissU.com, a Web-based company that offers goods and services that people in the U.S. can have delivered to their relatives and business partners in China. The need for such a service became apparent to Zhong when her mother in Shanghai became ill. She returned to China to take care of her mother, and while there, realized that, like her, there are many U.S. residents who want to reach out to their loved ones in China.

"I wanted to help those like me to say 'I miss you' on holidays and important occasions. In a sense, I really hope to build a bridge, bringing China closer to the rest of the world."

ImissU offers flowers, books in Chinese, gourmet food baskets, and imported wines, along with cards that Zhong will translate into Chinese if necessary. To say ImissU to relatives in China, visit this Web site: <http://www.imissu.com/> ■



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The Bird's the Word

by Jackie Moore '47

Add the name of a bird to complete a word that fits the clue.

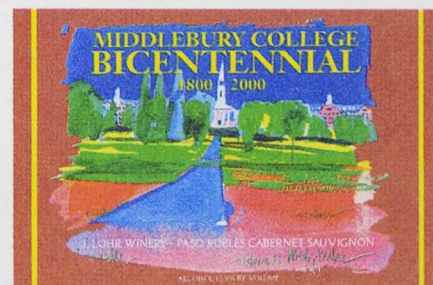
The Clues

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|---|---|--|
| 1. _____ tail
<i>To fit together closely</i> | 11. _____ ing
<i>Gulping</i> | 22. H _____ cus
<i>Tropical flower</i> |
| 2. _____ ch
<i>Tool</i> | 12. _____ ly
<i>Rapidly</i> | 23. Stool _____
<i>Squealer (slang)</i> |
| 3. A _____
<i>Site of a dam in Egypt</i> | 13. _____ late
<i>To copy behavior</i> | 24. S _____ er
<i>Two-wheeled toy</i> |
| 4. S _____
<i>To rob</i> | 14. Mon _____
<i>Mammal from India</i> | 25. R _____
<i>Rue</i> |
| 5. H _____
<i>To bay</i> | 15. B _____
<i>Breed of dog</i> | 26. Perc _____
<i>Sturdy breed of horse</i> |
| 6. P _____ g
<i>Searching</i> | 16. Bal _____
<i>Airship</i> | 27. _____ ing
<i>Recoiling</i> |
| 7. _____ ible
<i>Easily swayed</i> | 17. C _____
<i>Cowardly</i> | 28. _____ d
<i>Stretched neck (to see)</i> |
| 8. Santa Fe T _____
<i>Early continental route</i> | 18. C _____
<i>Thief</i> | 29. _____ d
<i>Complained</i> |
| 9. _____ walk
<i>To cross road illegally</i> | 19. _____ ing
<i>Fluttering</i> | 30. _____ spur
<i>Showy flower</i> |
| 10. _____ d
<i>Multitude</i> | 20. S _____
<i>Unyielding</i> | 31. _____ g
<i>Blowing</i> |
| | 21. _____ ing
<i>Peddling</i> | |

See page 16 for answers.

MIDD WINE—BOTTLED, LABELED, AND SIPPED

There are Middlebury mugs and Middlebury plates, Middlebury hats and keychains, sweatshirts and stuffed animals. Now there is Middlebury wine—thanks to the J. Lohr vineyard in Monterey, California (co-owned by Carol Waldorf Lohr '58 and her husband J. Lohr). The colorful label art is thanks to Woody Jackson '70, owner of Holy Cow enterprises. Four hundred cases of both chardonnay and cabernet sauvignon are being created especially for use during the Bicentennial Campaign. Word has it that President McCardell will have several bottles buried, and that every 25 years a Middlebury president will dig up and open a bottle, culminating in Middlebury's Tricentennial celebration in the year 2100. Luckily, you won't have to wait that long. ■



Woody Jackson '70 created this wine label for the newly bottled Middlebury wine.

"High school is a waste of time. The motivation to learn collapses with puberty in this country. It's the Leonardo di Caprio syndrome. We should abolish high school completely and give a diploma after 10th grade."

Leon Botstein, President of Bard College and Leon Levy Professor in the Arts and Humanities, speaking at the Nicholas R. Clifford Symposium: The Liberal Arts in the 21st Century

FAR-FLUNG RESEARCH

Twenty-six faculty members were awarded over \$1.3 million for a total of 35 grants and fellowships during the 1997-98 fiscal year. Faculty-leave projects, supported in part by grants, include art history research in India; research at the Center for the Study of American Religion at Princeton; literature research in Japan and China; French studies research in France; a research planning visit to New Zealand; alcoholism research in Puerto Rico; research on Latin American governments at the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies in California; astronomy research at Stanford University; and biology research at the University of Vermont. ■



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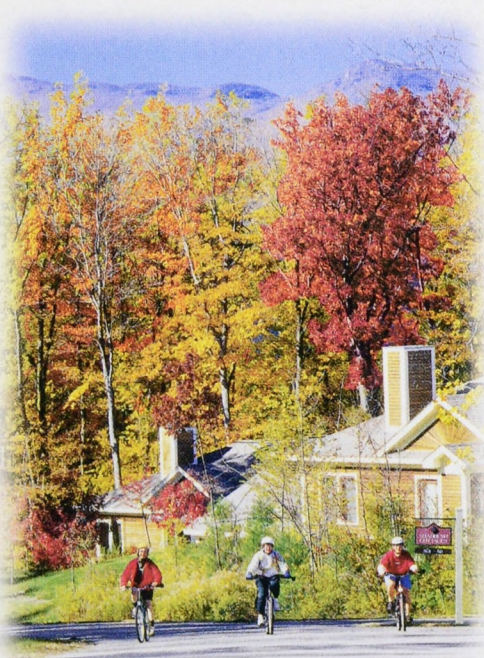
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PRESIDENT'S HOUSE: ACCESSIBLE, HISTORIC, AND LOVELY

Three South Street is the oldest Gothic Revival house in Middlebury. Built in 1854 for the owner of the foundry, it became home to Middlebury's presidents in 1918. While it has always been a handsome building, some renovations this summer have further improved its function and its beauty.

A ramp now gracefully curves up to the porch, as does a new path and stairway. Landscaping has enhanced the appearance of the house, as has a new paint job in warm colors that suit the period of the house. Architect Parker Croft researched and designed the decorative trim under the eaves (known as "bargeboards") that restores the distinctive look of the house.

Answers to "The Bird's the Word" puzzle on page 14: dove, wren, swan, teal, owl, robin, gull, rail, jay, crow, swallow, swift, emu, goose, eagle, loon, raven, rook, flicker, tern, hawk, ibis, pidgeon, coot, egret, heron, quail, crane, grouse, lark, puffin.

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LET YOUR FINGERS DO THE MARCHING

Protest marches used to involve, well, marching. Not this protest. In December, the Billion Byte March on Washington will marshal the messages of thousands, perhaps millions, of concerned citizens who want to save and reform Social Security. Hillary Beard '95, who is executive director of Economic Security 2000, the organization that is sponsoring this first Internet write-in protest, says she hopes the march will send one million e-mail messages to the desks of Washington lawmakers on a single day later this year. With some heavy hitters on its masthead (Senator John Kerry and Tea Leoni on the Board of Governors, along with the Honorable Pete duPont) this virtual march might gather lots of actual protesters. To join other marchers, don't worry about your footwear, just log on: www.march.org ■

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David Macey, director of off-campus study, on whether the turmoil in Russia will affect the 44 Middlebury students who recently departed for their semester abroad there.

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A few words



of advice

BY MICHAEL L. TOLKIN '74



The question is always the same,
"How do I get a movie made?"

My answer is always the same. I tell the story about the two prize-winning graduates of the film school at USC, how they drive north to Skywalker Ranch, and get an audience with George Lucas. They ask him, "George, how do we get our movies made?" And George answers, "Somehow." This may never have happened, but the story is true.

A few years ago, Professor Ted Perry asked if he could send his best film students to me, and if I had work for them, would I think about giving them a job, and if they didn't want a job, advice? I said yes. The calls came, and I was brutal about one thing. If all they knew of me was *The Player*, if they didn't know my other books or movies, I'd say, "I'm going to hang up when I finish saying this. You can phone me again when you've read everything and seen everything. I'll give you a second chance, but someone else probably won't. Do your homework." Then I'd hang up. And they always called, a few months later, and then we talked.

When I was directing a film, I gave one of them a job as office assistant, but after the movie finished shooting, I was back to being a writer, and what could I offer then? I don't dictate my stories. What was the job? I was a man with an office above his garage and I needed someone to file my bills and run to the copy store.

I read their scripts. The scripts were thin and unrealistic. This is no crime for a 21-year-old. Two scripts had memorable premises; one had a solid basis for a crime story, the other leapt into fantasy, but in neither did I have enough faith to warrant using my claim on a producer to do me the favor of reading them. I wrote my first script at 21, sold my first at 35, and saw my first in production at 38. I would tell this to the young men—and it was only men—who came to me. At first my advice was to find other hungry filmmakers their own age. People are making full-length features for \$60,000 now. But the ones who came to me wanted to be Hollywood writers, and their ideas were expensive.

After a few years of this, I had other advice. I couldn't understand what they were really doing when

they were working for me. I suppose they saw a little bit of how movies are made or not made, but I was sure, or I grew to be sure, that they were paying a bad price for the little knowledge they might have been gaining. It's one thing to work for someone when he's in production, but once the set shuts down there's not much that any writer or director can teach, except by a kind of sideways example—how he ties his shoes, how he talks on the phone. I suppose my rants about life and the movies are interesting, although I get tired of hearing myself, but after three years of watching young men wasting their time, I finally sat one down and told him, "You are 22 years old. You have to leave Hollywood, do something else for a few years, and then come back. You have a choice. You can either be of service to the world, or you can do some damage; join the Peace Corps or join the Army, but don't stay here neutering yourself."

I told him that when I was starting out, writers were cab drivers and bartenders, they were drug dealers, they were high school English teachers, they were spoiled rich kids, they were journalists, they were in advertising, they were soldiers, they were anything except writers' assistants. I tried to tell him, and the others, that when I was their age, history swirled around me and the obvious risks of the world were everywhere; life was a moral and political drama. We may be on the verge of such a moment again, in which the drama of the historical moment, however facile our engagement, draws us near to that place where you can feel the temperature of things. This is a metaphysical position, but no writing comes from the temperate zone.

I felt bad about giving them advice they might follow to their own disasters, but Hollywood attracts the unformed.

I told these young men to join the Army or the Peace Corps because it seemed essential to me that they do something active in the world, that they meet the world, and that they not just hang out at a café in Prague, getting drunk and smoking Cuban cigars. That can come later. I told them that I didn't promise anything so vulgar as the direct line between facing guns and writing a good sentence, but I do not mean that. I wanted these young writers to get out, drive ambulances, become priests, teach in a public school, pray. I told all of them to go back to their churches, to study the Bible. I told them that my advice could be fatal and that I took no responsibility for it. They had to make a free choice, which is almost impossible now. You need a self to make a free choice.

In another time Faulkner said that to write, all you needed to know was the little postage stamp of the world you stand on. I wanted these young writers to find that stamp, and it wasn't likely to be found running from my office to the stationery store. Caught in the infinite regression between the images cast by the cultures of scandal and entertainment, the world as it is given to us now obliterates that part of us which is different from each other, and without knowing that difference, how can you possibly see choice? And without choice, how can you choose the words you need for your story?

I ask the young writers this question: "Why do you want to be in the movies?" They say, "I really love the movies and ever since I saw *Citizen Kane*, I've wanted to express myself."

I say, "This is Hollywood. Don't you want to sleep with — " and then I name whatever actress is this season's kewpie doll. I say, quoting Mailer, "Your bad motives are as important as your good," or I quote the Talmud, "Without the evil

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 service to the world or you can do some
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impulse, there would be no houses or eggs." I say to them, "Writers are getting \$150,000 a week for working on scripts now, and scripts routinely sell for a million dollars. Don't you want that? Don't you want to crush everyone at your high school reunion? Where's your evil intention in all of this? By itself a dedication to one's evil intentions is corrupting and corrosive, but without them, what are you doing here?"

I once put this question to a writing seminar: "On one side of a sheet of paper, make a list of the 10 best movies ever made." When they were done, I said, "Now turn the paper over and make a list of your 10 favorite movies." And so they wrote. It was a trick. There should only be one list. And they were all liars, anyway. Not one of them named *The Wizard of Oz* on either side of the page. No one could deny that they'd seen it fewer than half a dozen times, and everyone said they could watch it again. They were lying to themselves, out of shame for their own taste; so there was that crusty old *Citizen Kane*

on the classic side of the page, and it's a great film, but so what? And there was Jackie Chan on the other. Now the one who could include Jackie Chan and *Citizen Kane* on the same side of the page has begun to figure out the game, which is to get from having a favorite film to writing a favorite film. One first has to know what one likes.

There's no concrete list, and one's taste can swing violently, but one has to admit to oneself in a clear voice just what it is that gives pleasure and meaning. Surely the reason for the high number of active perverts and deviants in the arts is just this: they pursue, for the sake of their art or for the sake of other needs that fulfill themselves in their art, what Henry James wrote in his essay on Hawthorne: "*There are a thousand ways of enjoying life, and that of the artist is one of the most innocent. But for all that, it connects itself with the idea of pleasure. He proposes to give pleasure, and to give it he must first get*

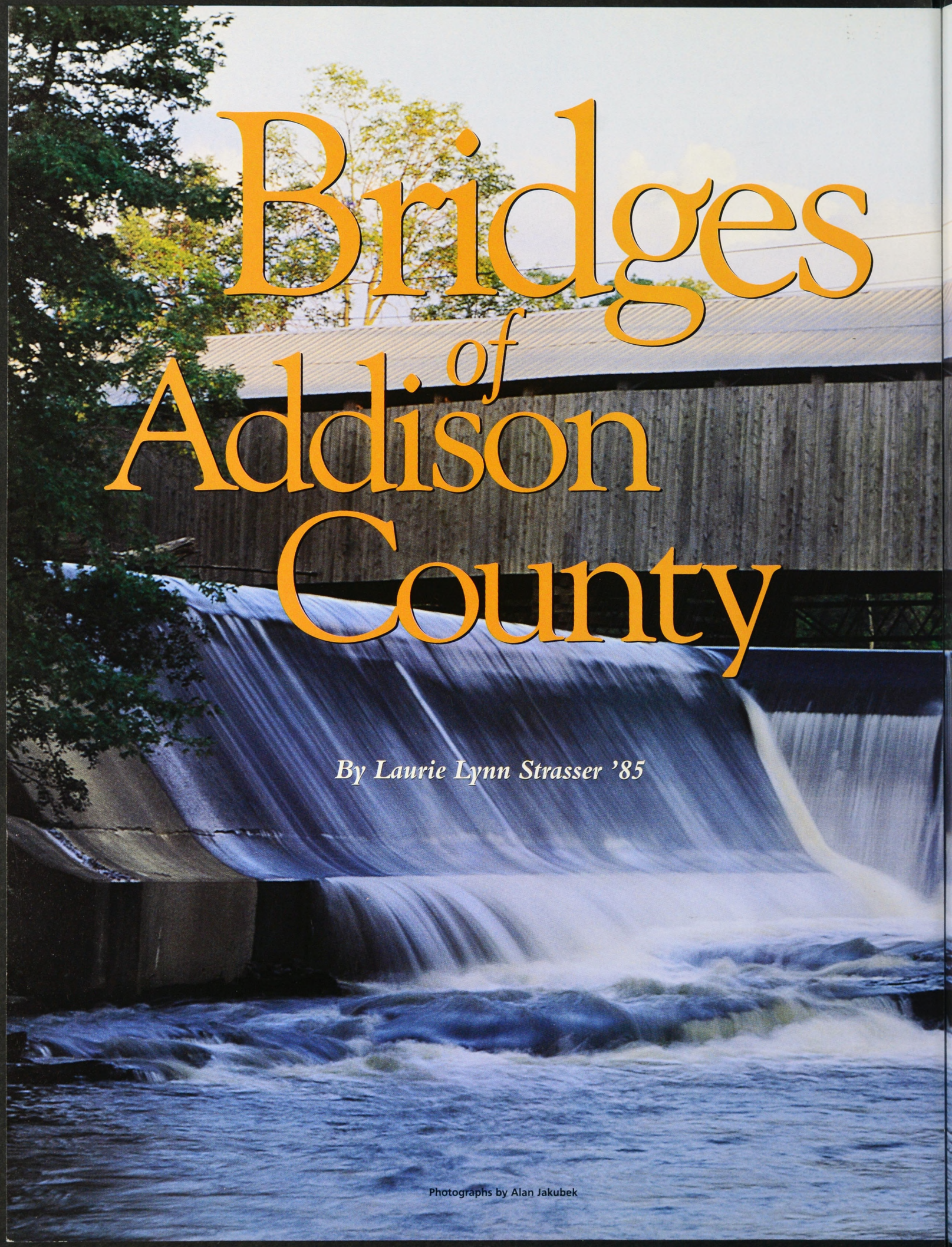
it. Where he gets it will depend upon circumstances."

I meant by this exercise what I meant by telling the writers to get out of Hollywood for a while, or join the Peace Corps, or get religion, especially religion, that if they could see themselves as made in God's image, and unique, made like no one else, then their own special vantage point would have meaning for no other reason than that. Besides, being made in God's image is a helpful boost to the ego; observing some of His attributes, one might write a good story.

None of the lads who came through enlisted, but the author of the fantasy I liked left Los Angeles, and the last I heard, he was writing the script as a novel.

More power to him. ■

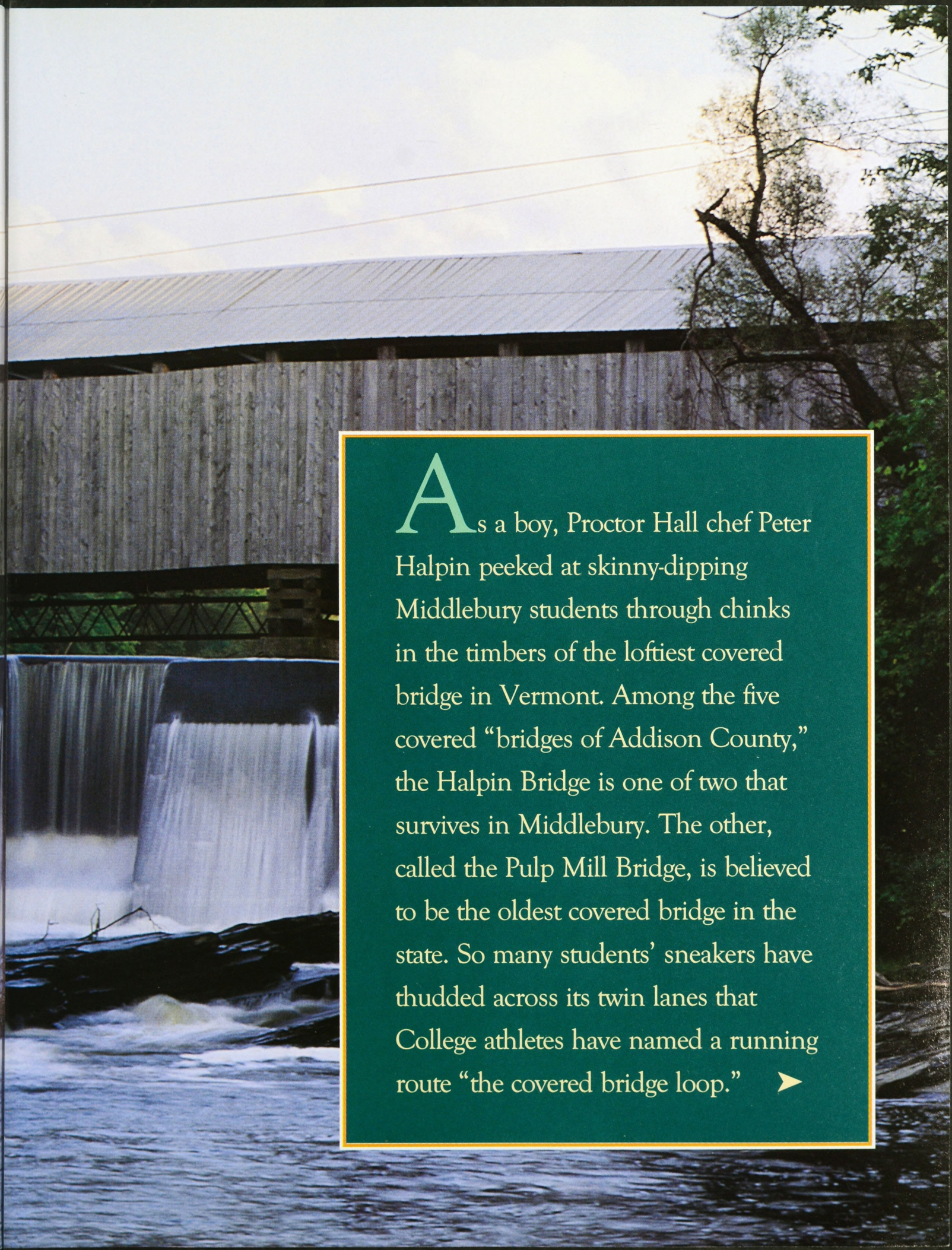
Grove Press published Michael Tolkin, Three Screenplays: *The Player*, *The Rapture*, *The New Age*. His last novel was *Among the Dead*. He also co-wrote *Deep Impact*, which was released early this year.



Bridges of Addison County

By Laurie Lynn Strasser '85

Photographs by Alan Jakubek



As a boy, Proctor Hall chef Peter Halpin peeked at skinny-dipping Middlebury students through chinks in the timbers of the loftiest covered bridge in Vermont. Among the five covered “bridges of Addison County,” the Halpin Bridge is one of two that survives in Middlebury. The other, called the Pulp Mill Bridge, is believed to be the oldest covered bridge in the state. So many students’ sneakers have thudded across its twin lanes that College athletes have named a running route “the covered bridge loop.” ➤

There are more than 100 such bridges in Vermont, and both the Pulp Mill Bridge and the Halpin Bridge are listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Dating back to the Middle Ages, covered bridges made their New World debut in Pennsylvania at the turn of the 19th century. But for many alumni who encountered them first at Middlebury, these scenic spans are lodged in memory as a symbol of New England.

Historians have been unable to pinpoint the precise age of the Pulp Mill Bridge, named for a paper mill that operated around 1800, however signs over the portals indicate it was built between 1808 and 1820. State lawmakers in 1808 gave the Waltham Turnpike Company permission to start charging tolls, as long as a roof was built within a dozen years over their "lately erected bridge" by "the paper mill on Otter Creek," according to Brandon resident Ed Barna's book, *Vermont's Covered Bridges*. The bridge has been a public byway since 1828, when the turnpike company



Noreen Halpin, who works at the College as hostess for Hadley House, ordinarily caters to the needs of guests of the College. But when Halpin Bridge was closed to all but foot traffic, the College put her up for the duration.

went out of business, he writes. In fact, it is the only two-lane covered bridge in Vermont still used as a thoroughfare. With a four-ton weight limit, this wooden war-horse carries traffic back and forth between Middlebury and Weybridge.

On the Middlebury side, the sound of rushing water betrays a dam downstream, owned by Central Vermont Public Service Corporation. A sign by the water's edge warns, "Danger: dam ahead. Take canoe out here." A pair of barn swallows darts from the eaves and skims over the surface of the river. The bridge's reflection dissolves into ripples as Zeb Brinkman, 15, flips a struggling bass onto a dock at the bottom of a bank blanketed with forget-me-nots. The native Vermonter claims he is not playing hooky. There's a school trip today, and he is excused. Since the angler crosses the Pulp Mill Bridge all the time, he is inured to its charms. "People pull off and take pictures," he says. "We just kind of take it for granted."

Above, on the bridge, tourist Barbara Wells is more appreciative as she reads the dates inscribed above the entrance. "There are no covered bridges in California," she exclaims. Just over the bridge's threshold, the air is noticeably cooler. As the eyes adjust to the dimness, the intricate Burr truss frame materializes. Most prominent are the long, laminated arches that Deacon David E. Boyce added in 1859 for reinforcement. The bridge also underwent renovations in 1980, and this year, with the aid of federal funds, the town plans to hang a footbridge off the side of the landmark.

To comply with historical guidelines, the cantilevered walking bridge must complement the original architecture, not try to mimic it, Middlebury Town Manager Betty Wheeler explains. The cantilevered addition should make the bridge

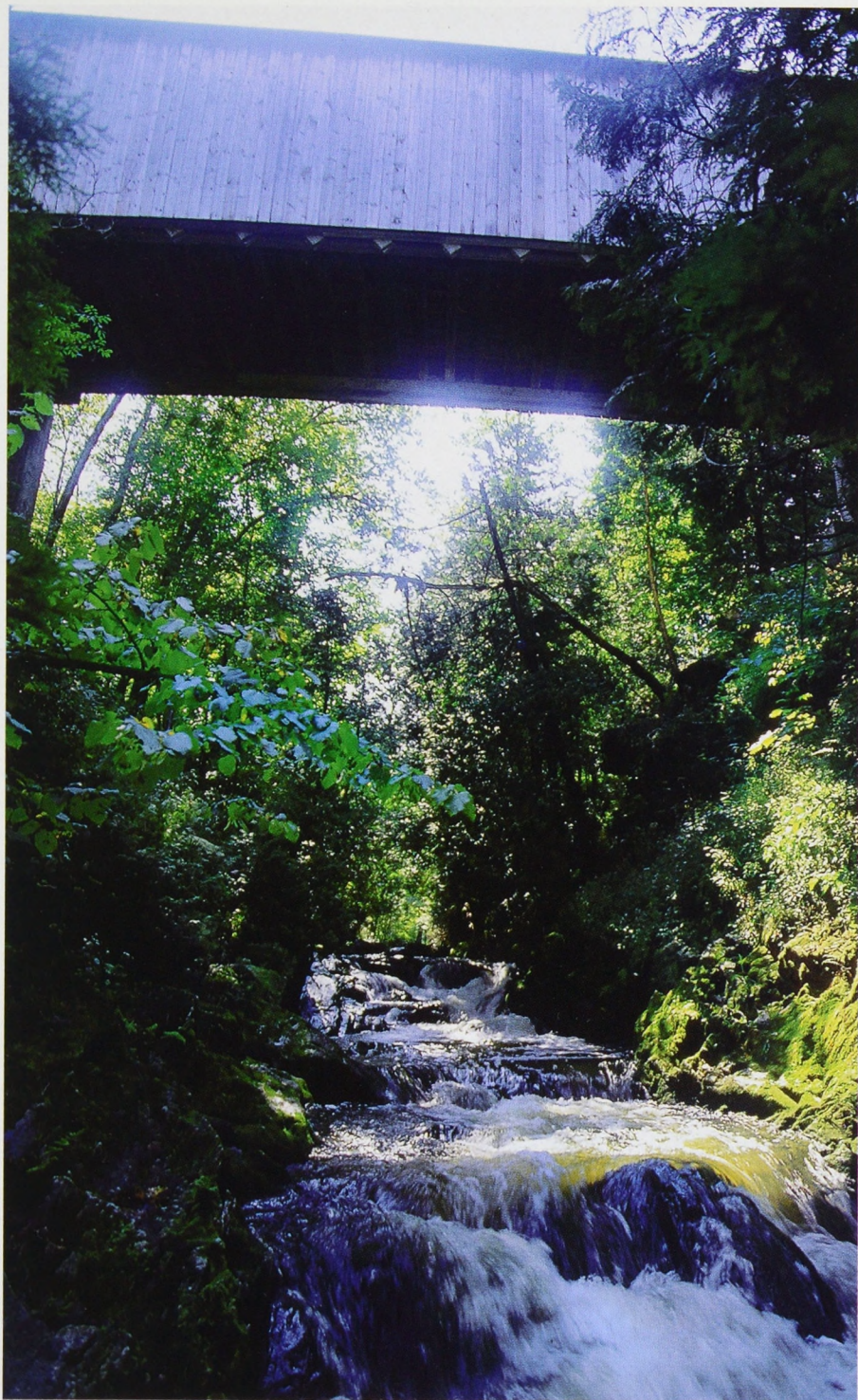
safer for student joggers and road racers. She refers to the current situation as "an accident waiting to happen," though signs warn drivers to slow down to 10 m.p.h. and turn on their headlights before rolling onto the bridge. Nevertheless, pedestrians and cyclists have been struck on more than one occasion, according to Gail Harris, who has lived in the old bridge-tender's house for more than 14 years.

"It's really dangerous to walk across," she says. "It's not very wide, if you're walking in the driving lane, which is the only way to go through there."

To avoid being struck by an automobile, people on foot have little choice but to scramble into the interlacing timbers between the two lanes, despite gaping spaces in the floor. Harris has seen drivers ignore the posted eight-foot maximum height, only to find their campers wedged in the middle, where clearance is lower than at the ends. "They have to slice the top off" Winnebagos two or three times a summer," she says.

While the Pulp Mill Bridge is heavily trafficked, the Halpin Bridge dead-ends at a single homestead. The former Halpin dairy farm lies across a pasture from an unpaved road that also bears the family surname. A dizzying 41 feet in the air, the bridge spans Muddy Branch—a tributary of the New Haven River that flows into Otter Creek. In the gorge below, a waterfall patiently sculpts stubborn rock.

Halpin Bridge was erected in 1824 in the simple construction style known as town lattice. Situated on the Middlebury/New Haven border, it serviced a quarry, opened in 1830 by the Middlebury Marble Company, which provided the building blocks for St. Mary's church in Middlebury. Stone cutters lived in a boarding house at one end of the bridge and



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would cross to reach a store on the other shore. Today there are remnants of train tracks nearby.

Being able to play in his very own covered bridge was part of a happy childhood for Peter Halpin. “I used to wait in it for the school bus every morning when I was a kid growing up,” he remembers. “A lot of

boards used to be knocked out. There used to be cracks. I could see college kids skinny dipping down underneath. You could peek through the cracks.”

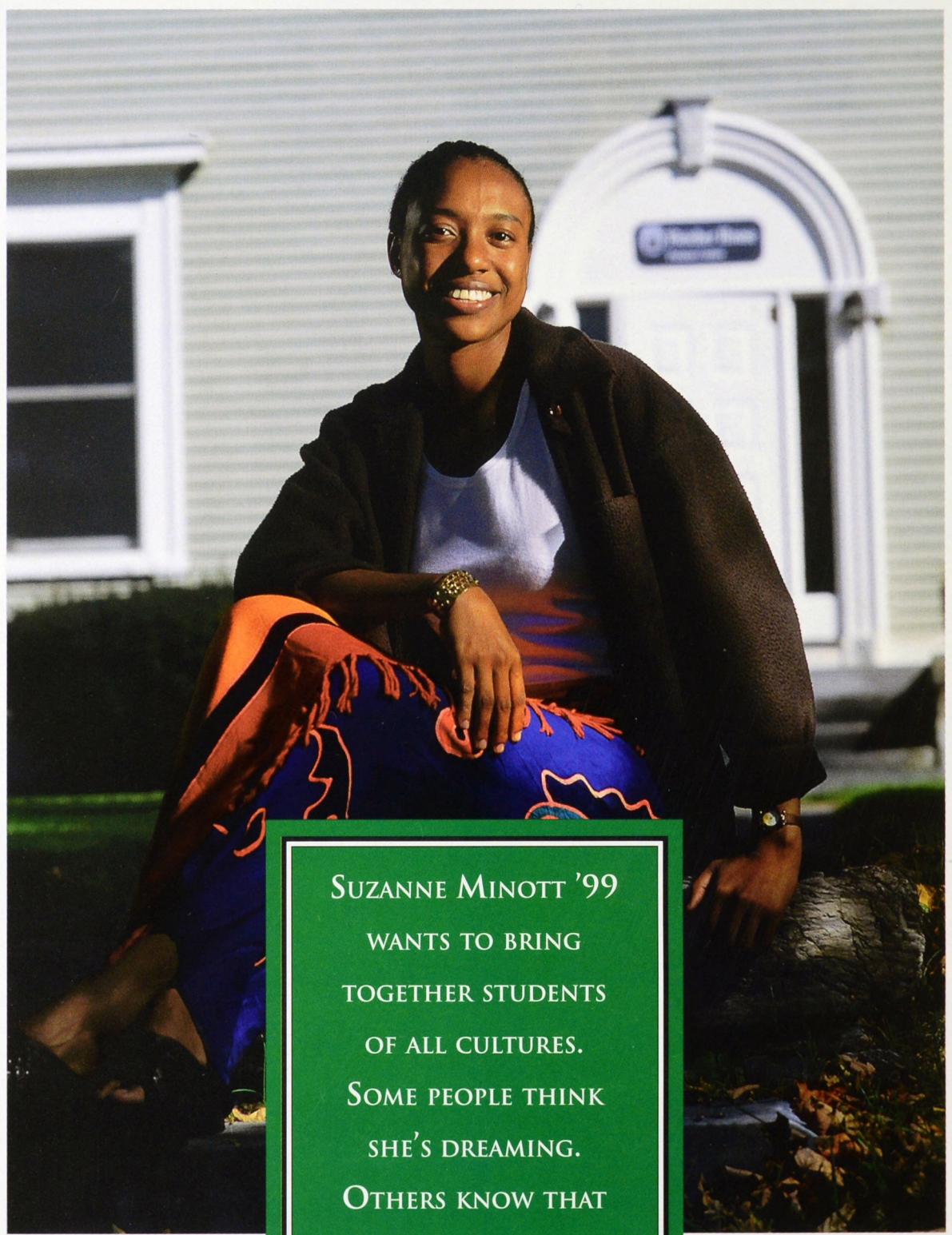
People haven’t bathed there in years, but some alumni still come back to visit their old swimming hole, says his mother, Noreen Halpin,

who also works at the College. “Every now and again, they’ll want to show their wife where they used to go swimming.”

Images of the 66-foot-long structure cover the walls of her farmhouse, from an oil painting bought at auction to a watercolor rendered by a friend. The Halpins are also the faithful curators of yellowed newspaper clippings about their pet bridge. When it was overhauled between 1990-92, they took hundreds of photographs. The largest crane in Vermont was pressed into service for the project. During recent renovations, the town selectboard closed the crossing to all but foot traffic so that for a period of months, the only way Peter Halpin could get to his job was to descend one precipitous bank, mince across a series of planks laid end-to-end, and climb back up the other side.

“It was something, going in and out,” he remembers. “It’s an important part of your life when it’s your only means of getting home.” ■

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CROSSING THE CULTURAL FRONT LINES

By Rachel Morton

Suzanne Minott '99 has always been ahead of her time. It all began when she enrolled in kindergarten. She was two years old.

"They thought I was gifted," she laughed. "They" being her parents, who actually knew a little something about gifted students. Her Jamaican father, an engineer with a Ph.D. in physics, and her mother, a Trinidadian with a master's in counseling and education, had begun an organization called AQUEST—Association of Quietly Excellent Scholars and Thinkers—which works with gifted Jamaican students to help them achieve their goals.

"Let me tell you, I'm my father's guinea pig!" She laughs again, obviously not too put off by her father's zealous oversight of her education. Suzanne graduated from high school (grade 13—in Jamaica they have an extra year) at the age of 16. Though she did splendidly in school and made friends in her classes, there was the downside. "It wasn't fun. I wasn't just the youngest, I was the shortest," she says, her

clipped British "T" adding nice definition to the slight island lilt in her speech. "We had to line up in ascending order for morning devotions. For two years I was always in the front!"

But more than being the youngest or one of the brightest in her class, Suzanne also went her own way scholastically. The all-girls high school she attended in Jamaica was private and Anglican and "very British," she says. Within this system students are expected to specialize very early. "By grades 10 to 12, they want you to start looking like an engineer or a doctor." That was not for Minott, even though she could easily have become an engineer or a doctor. She did advanced placement (called A-Levels in Jamaica) in physics and math. But she also "fought all the way" to do advanced studies in Spanish. And she was darned if she was going to give up any of her passions to conform to this decidedly non-liberal-arts model of higher education.

She could have followed many of her friends to the University of the

West Indies when she graduated from high school. But UWI (pronounced Youey) insisted that she narrow her gaze and choose one subject of study. Rather than enroll, she took the year off after high school to apply to schools in the U.S., and kept herself busy teaching calculus in the high school from which she had just graduated. She fell in love with Middlebury because of the rural setting, "because I have a flair for languages, and because it was one of the only schools that had a cricket team! Cricket is our thing."

Suzanne entered Middlebury the same age as her peers—the first time she'd ever been with her peer group. She had some adjustments to make. Snowball fights replaced playing dodgeball with guavas. And the informality of the United States confounded her. "In Jamaica we are not on a first-name basis with our teachers. I had to learn to call my professors 'Bob'!" she exclaims.

Though the curriculum was everything she had hoped for—she became a double math and philosophy major with a minor in Spanish—

the social life was confusing. Suzanne thought of herself as an international student, but "a lot of the international students were European, and they saw me as African American. I didn't identify with African Americans."

Leroy Nesbitt, special assistant to the president who has worked with Suzanne in various capacities over the years, remembers when she arrived. "There were not many Caribbean students on campus. She is the student who says, 'I'm very Caribbean, very Jamaican, but I want to cross all the boundaries.' She tried to belong to all worlds, and she paid a social price for that."

While some whites see a monolithic "black community" at Middlebury, the "black community" sees itself as many different groups. The black student from Washington, D.C. whose grandparents were slaves may have nothing in common with the black student from New York whose parents have arrived here in the last 30 years from the Dominican Republic or Jamaica. The African American whose parents were born in Africa but who grew up in Detroit may have more in common with an African from Kenya than with another black student from Detroit.

Then there are the Jamaicans like Suzanne, who arrive and see lots of black faces, many of them as foreign to them as if they had stepped into a foreign country. Which they have. So finding a place to "fit in" was not easy for Suzanne, and in her efforts to find friends—white, black, American, international—wherever they might present themselves, she was regarded with some suspicion.

"Among certain groups there is an assumption that the world is hostile," says Nesbitt, "that we must preserve our culture through a kind of loyalty, a code of conduct. At times we pass judgment on people who go

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Suzanne admits that her freshman year was rough, but it improved considerably when she got involved with planning the Sub-Saharan African Symposium, which introduced her to a lot of students from Kenya, Nigeria, and Ghana. This was a wonderful experience for her, and she made many friends. It in turn led her to the International Students Organization (ISO), where she was appointed president at the end of her sophomore year.

Sunder Ramaswamy, associate professor of economics, is the adviser to the ISO, and he says that while Suzanne's presidency was marked by some major accomplishments, it was not without its problems. He explains that the ISO leadership in the past had traditionally been dominated by students of European or East Asian descent, and that Suzanne's ascendancy marked the first break of this pattern in many years. Though her presidency was supported by the ISO board, her style of management soon created some friction. "Suzanne is an amazingly organized person and she's got great ideas," Ramaswamy says, "but not everyone can keep up with her. This makes her a little impatient."

Suzanne, being Suzanne, wanted the organization to reflect every nationality and group on campus, and to a certain extent, it did. She remembers some of their work last year: "We worked with the admissions office and had a winter-clothing drive for students who didn't have proper warm clothes, there was dinner in the Château, coffee houses, a fashion show, a symposium." But the downside was that when she became interested in living in the Palana Center (Palana stands for Pan African, Latino, Asian, Native American), she was discouraged from doing so by friends in the ISO.

Palana Center has a multifaceted mission, two important components of which are to support and encourage multiculturalism, and to support retention of students of color. The one is inclusive—reaching out to embrace many cultures and races; the other could be perceived as being exclusive, because it serves a segment of the campus. "Suzanne is struggling with this," says Nesbitt, who cites the need for both aspects of Palana.

"Sometimes to be black is the worst thing to be in America," says Nesbitt bluntly. These international students, even black foreign students, were realizing that it would not be in their best interests to "associate with people on the bottom of the ladder. There's a stigma attached to living at Palana Center, but Suzanne wanted to change all that."

She moved in during her junior year, due partly, she said, to the example set by an R.A. (resident assistant) she had met during her freshman year—Emerson Ally, a young man from Guyana, with a patchwork ethnic history: his father was Indian, his mother Guyanese; he grew up in Guyana, lived in Barbados for three years, and then the whole family moved to New York. Nesbitt remembers Emerson as being uncanonically able to speak to all groups and to

see the benefits of cross-cultural understanding. Suzanne, who has taken on the role of R.A. in Palana this year, hopes to emulate this model.

Emerson, for his part, is delighted by the news. "It's a joy to hear that something I've done actually made an impression," he laughed, reached by phone at his office in New York, where he is a computer specialist. Emerson had not originally been interested in living at Palana, citing the same "stigma" that Nesbitt described, but ended up there one year by accident. "I didn't think I could fit in with people who lived there," he says, "but when I moved in, it was just a different thing, and I never really moved out. There's a feeling of family." Suzanne describes "the family" she found at Palana when she moved in as "really mixed—there was myself, a guy from Malawai, six Caucasians, three international, three African Americans, two Latinos. The R.A. did a remarkable job enhancing multiculturalism and making everyone feel comfortable."

The College is committed to creating a diverse and multicultural campus. At last year's graduation, 47 flags representing graduating seniors from 47 countries flew over the ceremony, testament to the reality of an extremely multicultural campus. Also, more than 10 percent of the graduating were American students of color. But the trick is in both celebrating the different cultures and encouraging free mixing among groups.

Nesbitt has stressed this larger view with the students. "While we're here, Middlebury is one thing we have in common," he says. "Let's look at commonality, not differences." He thinks that Suzanne has been ahead of her time in her thinking about pluralism, and he is optimistic about what she will accomplish at Palana Center this year.

"She's not willing to let her

stereotypes drive her thinking. When people ask, 'Why are you living at Palana?' she says, 'I want to pull you all in here. I want you to recognize what this should be.'

"I'm seeing some of these walls breaking down. There's more cultural understanding now at Middlebury. These are real world issues for these kids. I'd rather they begin to think about them here. It will make them better citizens."

Suzanne's interests and goals have also led her into politics. She ran for junior class representative and lost. Then she ran for academic interest house representative and won. When she was approached to seek the SGA presidency, there was some initial hesitancy, but after some soul searching, she threw herself into campaigning. "I was on the radio, knocking door to door—'Hi, I'm Suzanne, here's my platform.' It felt good." She lost, but says that in retrospect, it was a good thing. Nesbitt cites this campaign as an example of Palana fulfilling its mission of fostering growth in students of color, and then pushing them out of the nest, so to speak, so that they begin to get beyond local issues. "Suzanne is a model of this. The fact that she was black or Caribbean or international wasn't a factor in the ultimate result of that race."

Suzanne has also made a lot of friends among the administration. This "student insider" has worked in so many offices during her three years at the College that she needs to consult her resume to remember them all. "I started working in the Alumni Office...I worked at Dean of Students Office as a receptionist, then worked in Old Chapel at lunchtime...Oh yes, I worked at Financial Aid, then worked in ADA office, then with Leroy, and then with Tucky on this video thing, and after that..." The list goes on. "And don't forget to say that I learned to ski."

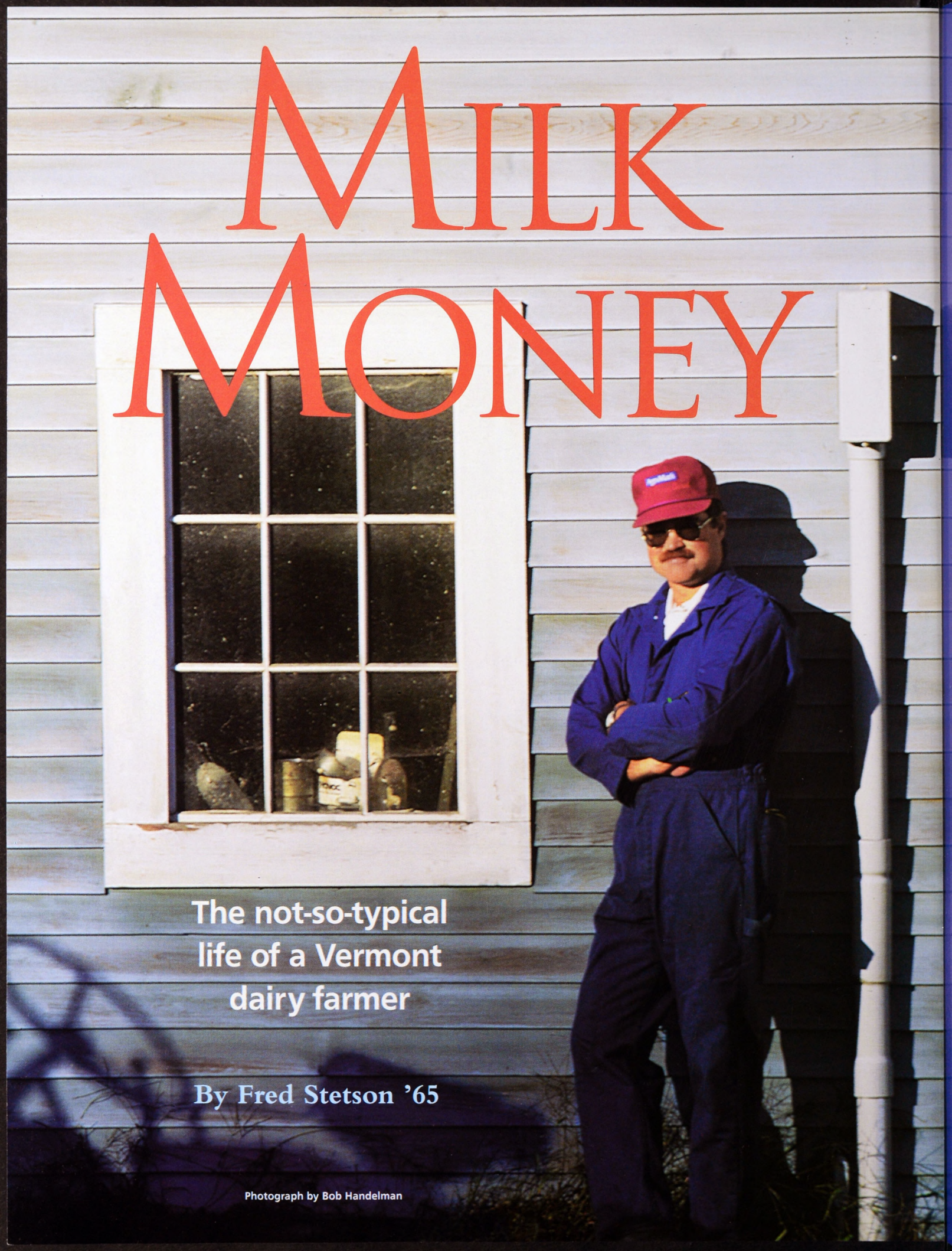
But all this friend-making, and bridge-building, and office-seeking is actually just Suzanne's hobby. Her real passion is her studies, especially math. Talking about multiculturalism, Jamaica, or politics, she is quite matter of fact and direct. Ask her about math and she gazes into the distance, looking almost starry-eyed; her hands begin making graceful gestures in the air.

"I love math. I really learned how to appreciate math when I taught it in high school. I had to find a variety of ways to make it applicable, and fun ways to do it. I'm curious about ways math can be applied." She says she's learned from her professors about math and music, math and theater, math and poetry. Both Bruce Peterson and Stephen Abbot have been mentors for her. "I will use my math," she asserts. "I will use it in business, in public policy." Her philosophy, too, she sees as being of use—"it's about analysis and logic and reasoning. You see this breadth in philosophy."

And where does Spanish fit into her future? Her eyes flash. "I love Spanish, I love Spanish, I love Spanish." Three times, as if to banish any thought that Spanish will disappear from her life. "I don't want to let it go. It's the second most dominant language in the Caribbean. Cuba is only 90 miles away. My language will come in handy."

Indeed it will, because she is planning to return to Jamaica after graduation, at least for a year, and then she hopes to begin an MBA program, again in the States. But what will she be "when she grows up"? As always, Suzanne refuses to be buttonholed. "I want to keep my options open. When I decided not to go to UWI, it was because I didn't want to specialize. Even as I end my college career, I don't want to specialize. I want to be free." ■

MILK MONEY

A man with a mustache, wearing a red baseball cap and blue jumpsuits, stands with his arms crossed in front of a light-colored wooden building. To his left is a white-framed window with multiple panes. Inside the window, several milk cans and other items are visible. The man's shadow is cast onto the building's siding to his right. The title "MILK MONEY" is overlaid in large red letters at the top of the image.

The not-so-typical
life of a Vermont
dairy farmer

By Fred Stetson '65

Photograph by Bob Handelman

NATHAN MILLER is not a typical farmer.

First of all, he graduated from a prep school and has a degree in sociology from a liberal arts college; second, he is not heavily in debt; third, he owns one-thirtieth the acreage of average farms in his surrounding county; fourth, he has only 32 cows in a state where the average herd is 81; and, finally, he's an optimist.



These are only a few ways Nate Miller '86, does not fit the mold. Among others: his barn is so clean his cows produce the cleanest, highest-quality milk in Vermont. The barn is such a clean environment that Nate Miller even tried briefly raising his weeks-old son, Benjamin, in a crib he built and stationed near the stalls. But the dual responsibilities of tending cows and a tiny young son were a bit too much, so Ben moved into a more conventional (possibly less clean) human environment.

That cleanliness is largely responsible for Nate's reputation as the source of the best milk in the

state. Last year he won the quality award for milk—"best in the state, the region, all of New England and New York," he says proudly. This recognition was based on a lab analysis of factors like cleanliness, cow health, and flavor of milk. "We beat out over 3,000 other dairymen for that award."

A solidly built, 33-year-old, Nate—with his tinted glasses, white shirts, and neat blue pants—looks almost studious as he works around the barn, but his jacket insignia makes his occupation unmistakably clear: "Kettle Top II Dairy Farm" is embroidered in blue thread above the breast pocket.

In many ways, Nate seems a typical Vermont farmer. He works 15-hour days with only the occasional afternoon off. Like other farmers, he can repair agricultural equipment and solve unexpected

Nate Miller is bucking the trend toward bigger farms and more cows. He believes that better milk results from concentrating on the care and treatment of fewer, high-quality cows.

problems. And, like the best of his peers, he has the will to succeed in an industry fraught with uncertainty and danger.

That became apparent last winter as he led a few of his younger Holsteins by the south edge of his barn in Weybridge, Vermont. Without warning, one of the lumbering heifers "just spun around and drilled me into the ground." The 1,000-pound cow stepped on his left foot, while shoving him sideways with her body. The load-bearing bone of Nate's ankle yanked out of its socket. When he struggled free, his muscles contracted. The bone snapped back in place, but the recoil was so fast it broke.

Nate thought things over. Largely immobilized on crutches, faced with a rehab of several weeks, and confronting ongoing costs of maintaining his herd, the decision came quickly.

"Well," he declared one clear, cold day, standing on frozen ground at the entrance to his barn. "I've decided to liquidate." He said this about the same way you might say, "Well, I've decided to brush my teeth." The timing was painful. Within one week of his milk being proclaimed the best in New England, he had to sell "the number one herd in the state."

Where some might see the end of the road, Nate saw the beginning. This gave him a chance to make his award-winning farm an even better place to produce high-quality milk. After consulting his wife, Michele (White) Miller '87, he decided to sell his herd, improve his dairy operations, and then buy back an even better, though smaller, herd in the fall. In a typically positive note, one with echoes of Buddhist philosophy, he added, "Someone said, 'For every door that closes, one opens.'"

While Nate's optimism seems based, at least in part, on his spiritual beliefs, his farm interest is traceable to influences closer to home. His late father, Frank Miller III (and mother, Jane Miller), owned a dairy farm in Oxford, Connecticut, and then, beginning in 1970, another in Waltham, Vermont, and then an apple orchard in Weybridge.

After graduating from the Gunnery School in Connecticut, Nate enrolled at Middlebury, just a few miles from his father's fields. Though he lived in college dormitories, Nate continued to assist his father, and he remained attached to his hometown community.

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gained knowledge not only of sociology and a sociologist's technique, but of such subjects as chemistry and physics. More important, he says, he learned how to inquire and apply knowledge as broadly as possible to concerns big and small. His mantra has become, "College doesn't teach you what you're going to do; college teaches you how to think."

Outside the classroom, Nate did not join athletic teams or fraternities. Instead, he pursued several off-campus activities: aside from assisting his father, he was a volunteer fireman, part-time deputy sheriff, and an avid skier at the College Snow Bowl.

One day, in a College-sponsored first-aid class, he noticed an attractive woman with long black hair. Not many weeks later, that woman, Michele White, was having car trouble, and found herself stuck in a Science Center parking lot with a faulty radiator. A familiar-looking, solidly built deputy sheriff pulled alongside, shined a large searchlight

beneath her car hood, and asked, "Can I help you?" Three years later, Michele and Nate became husband and wife.

Right after graduation Michele, who spent much of her childhood living with her family in such places as Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Zaragoza, Spain (her father was an Exxon executive), with a degree in biology, embarked on a career in Addison County's agriculture industry. Nate, still working as a part-time deputy sheriff, started buying calves.

"I liked cows," he says, noting that he grew up with these animals and learned to feed, train, lead, and direct them. "They are graceful; they are as different, cow to cow, as people are different—some are outgoing, some standoffish, some aloof. The nasty ones, I don't keep around very long."

One October night, he bought three calves at the livestock sales and that's when it started. Soon these three became a half dozen, then he bought another 20 calves from a farmer going out of business. When these cows starting producing, Nate became a full-time dairy farmer. "I made the transition," he says, adding, "when they became economically viable."

But the road ahead was not always smooth. Some young calves got sick, others died. Still others came at inopportune moments. One pastime Nate and Michele cherish is a Friday night dinner at Rosie's, a family-style restaurant, once the site of Palmer's dairy bar on US 7 south of Middlebury. "You would not believe," she laughs, "the number of calves we've had born on Friday nights."

Along the way, life settled into a routine, and Nate and Michele built their own house, an attractive two-story cape that faces west over the Lemon Fair River to Snake Moun-



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last improvement reduces chances that he'll reinjure himself when leading contrary bovines. Nate has now bought a new herd of registered (pedigreed) Holsteins from Massachusetts, which produces about 30 percent more milk than the old herd. Though the milk quality is not yet as high as his original herd (because, Nate says, these cows were pasture grazers, which can affect milk quality), their progeny should benefit from their parents' superior genes. With the improved barn culture, these young cows should, in two or three years, be producing award-winning milk.

The well-maintained facilities, along with meticulous care of his animals (veterinarians sometimes commend Nate because he catches the onset of health problems even before they are able to fully diagnose them), are among the reasons Nate Miller produces award-winning milk. Citations won by Kettle Top II Dairy Farm include: Agri-Mark Award, Region 10 (Addison County and upstate New York), Highest Quality Milk, 1996; Highest Quality Milk Award, State of Vermont, 1996; and Agri-Mark Award, New England States and New York, 1996. These awards are based upon an on-farm inspection, a sampling of milk flavor, and a laboratory analysis for bacteria. The lab analysis measures the raw milk for bacteria counts (his average, 1,000 bacteria per gram, compared with the norm of 50,000); the bacteria counts in pasteurized milk (again his counts are well below averages); and the somatic cell count—which indicates a cow's state of health by the number of disease-fighting cells in her system.

Nate says that the average

tain. Not more than 40 yards to the south, Nate constructed a 295-foot-long barn that can house up to 42 milking cows. Though he owns only 10 acres of land, Nate acquires hay for his cows by cutting fields for neighbors who have open acreage, but are not farming.

To a layman, the modern, light blue, wood-sided, metal-roofed barn seems a model of cleanliness and efficiency: four huge fans push a gentle, barely perceptible, fresh-air breeze past the cows and stalls; the barn has concrete flooring and an electrically powered waste removal system; doors and auxiliary rooms are well situated for easy access; and the

closed-circuit milk-retrieval and container-washing system is computer controlled. Nate's herd spends most of its time in this barn, with daily exercise periods outdoors in “controlled situations.” This means that he keeps their “yard” clean; the cows don't lie around on rotting apples and other vegetation that could be full of bacteria. In fact they don't lie around at all—“I keep them on their feet.”

During the summer of his ankle injury (1997), Nate improved the feed intake and waste management facilities, added a health stall for sick cows, and installed fencing that guides his cows into the barn. The

somatic cell count is about 350,000 for a Vermont cow. His counts average about 50,000, meaning they aren't fighting as many diseases, which would stimulate the production of more cells.

"My big kick is quality," Nate explains, while adding that Agri-Mark pays him a 20- to 30-cent premium per 100 pounds of his milk because it meets such high quality standards. Nate produces about 1,700 pounds a day from his 27 new registered Holstein milkers. At \$13.90 per 100 pounds—a typical price, Oct. 1997 blend price, \$13.60, plus the 30 cent premium—the cows would generate a gross income of \$236.30 a day, or \$86,249.50 annually.

Most of the milk leaving his farm goes to the Cabot plant in Middlebury, where it is used for manufacturing high-quality cheeses. Some goes to a plant in Springfield, Massachusetts, for restaurant butter pats and powdered milk sent to Egypt and other countries.

Not only does Nate affirm the importance of quality, he believes in the survival of the fittest. "It's a cold and heartless thing to say, but a lot of these guys should be put out of business," he says. "Frankly, they make terrible milk. These guys that don't make good milk, don't make good money."

As for government programs, he adds, "They all come with strings. If you're somewhat clever you can do it [a farm task or program] yourself. There's no organization farther behind the times than the government."

While Nate concedes some farms need short-term price supports to continue, he believes the dairy industry would be better off in the long run if farmers produced and sold milk in a fully competitive economy.

Solving a farmer's financial problems within worldwide market conditions by national programs or

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regulations is a near impossibility, he argues. "You can never bullet point anything—especially when it comes to the government. There's no way to fix this."

Furthermore, Nate generally disapproves of unified farm solutions. "The most awful thing would be if we all got along," he says. "Where would be the growth? The innovation? The tyranny that would result from uniform agreement would be horrible." Then, he adds in jest, "unless of course, they agreed with me."

As Nate spoke, his student-assistant, Andy McBeth '99, worked from cow to cow, placing an electronically operated milking machine to their udders. Milk flowed directly from the cows, by tubing, into a modern, \$5,000 cooling tank. Andy arrives every morning at 5 a.m., to assist with milking before his college classes.

On another day, Andy, an environmental studies major, made a copy of a chapter on farm economics from his classroom textbook. He brought the copy to the barn, gave it to Nate, and the next day they completed their chores and discussed the chapter.

"I think Andy learns a lot from Nate," Michele says, "and Nate learns a lot from Andy." Clearly Nate sees learning as an ongoing, lifelong process. "No matter what I learn about anything, I always, always, always relate that to my work, to what I do." His minor at Middlebury was in physics, which he says helped him design, engineer, and build his barn. His sociology minor is helpful now since Nate has become a member of an industry group, the State Agricultural Advisory Board: "Milk marketing, dealing with the public," he says. "In sociology, I learned a lot about polling and surveying public opinion—how do you ask the right questions?"

He encourages college students to "never major in what you want to do. You'll learn what you want to do on the job. Major in something else—economics, literature, French. In the dairy industry, we need economists, engineers, public relations people, politicians.

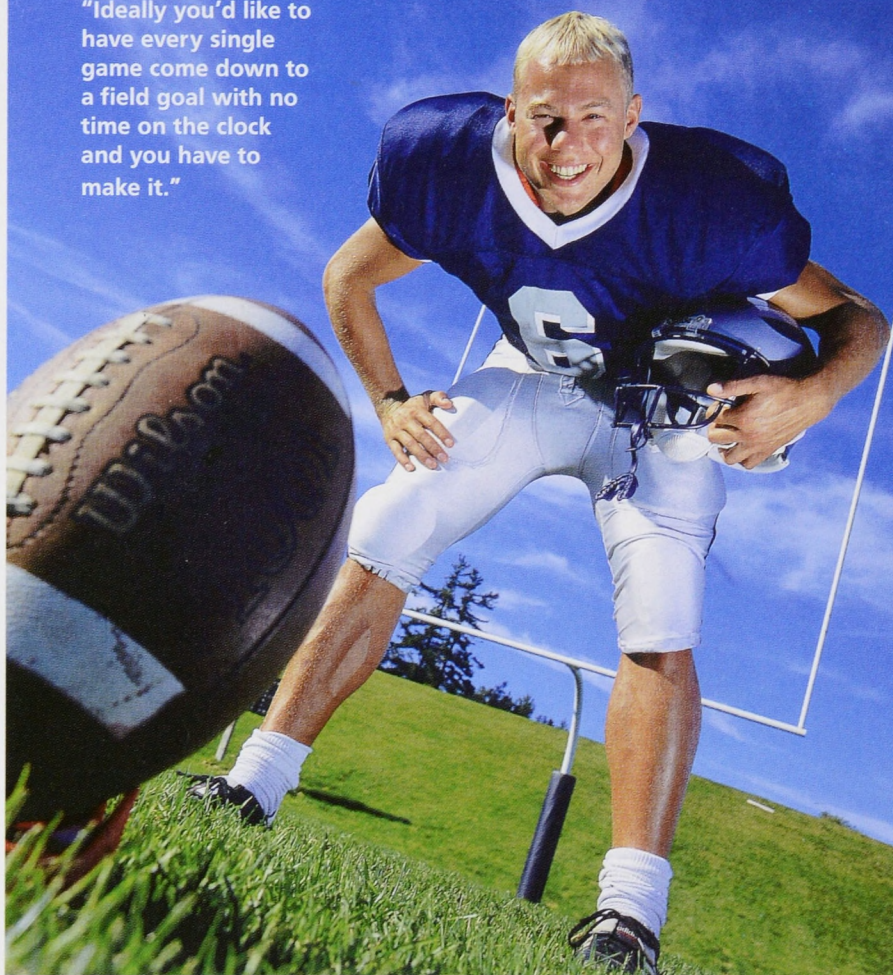
"To send a kid who is fascinated with cows into an agricultural school is a waste of his time. Through his passion, he will learn what he needs to do the job well."

Michele says, "I'm proud of him. He's done a lot with this farm. It's a beautiful, well-run operation. Quality is certainly near and dear to the man's heart. You spend so much time working, you need to love what you do. First and foremost, I think he really loves what he's doing and I think that's a great thing." ■

Fred Stetson '65 is a writer and photographer living in Burlington, Vermont.

THE SPORTING LIFE

Scott Dudley '99:
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major with a psychology minor, Scott is also the starting pitcher on the baseball team, he flies a plane, works two or three jobs a semester (campus security, swim lessons, lifeguard, field house), is part of a social house, and has a girlfriend. But during football practice, he's kind of the odd man out.

And then there are the games, which are even lonelier. The kicker usually sits on the sidelines doing nothing until all of a sudden he's got to get on the field for five seconds and kick a winning field goal. Then his teammates *really* stay away from him, not wanting to spook him or jinx him or have any affect at all on the psychic state of the player who's going to make or break this crucial moment for the team. So why don't kickers 'get no respect'?

Coach Mickey Heinecken admits that even he, when he was a younger coach, didn't pay much attention to the kicker. He says that while coaches often say that you'll win or lose depending upon your kicking game, they don't do much to cultivate that part of their game. But he says he changed his mind when they traced a few years of losses back to errors in their kicking game. "It made a believer of me," he says, "so when Scott approached me about being a football kicker, I was ready to jump aboard."

Middlebury had never had a specific "kicker" before Scott. But that was typical of old school football. "We never had specialists," Heinecken says. "Some tackle who happened to have a strong leg kicked the ball. The era has switched to one of specialization and it's here to stay."

Scott seems proud of his work as a specialist. His talent for kicking was noticed one day in high school when, after soccer practice, he was walking off the field and a football player yelled out to him, "Hey, come

Kicking is not a Contact Sport

By Rachel Morton

Being a kicker for a football team is a lonely job. When the team practices, kicker Scott Dudley '99 spends about 15 minutes with them. The rest of the time he goes off to the practice fields, often alone, sometimes with a younger kicker-in-training, and practices kicking for an hour or more (which can be hideously boring, he admits). After kicking seemingly forever, he works out in the weight room, again by himself, and may not even see the team in the locker room after practice. You call this a team sport?

Not that he's a lonely, wallflower kind of guy. Scott has a very full academic and social life. A biology

on, Dudley, see if you can kick a football. Play a *real* sport," he taunted.

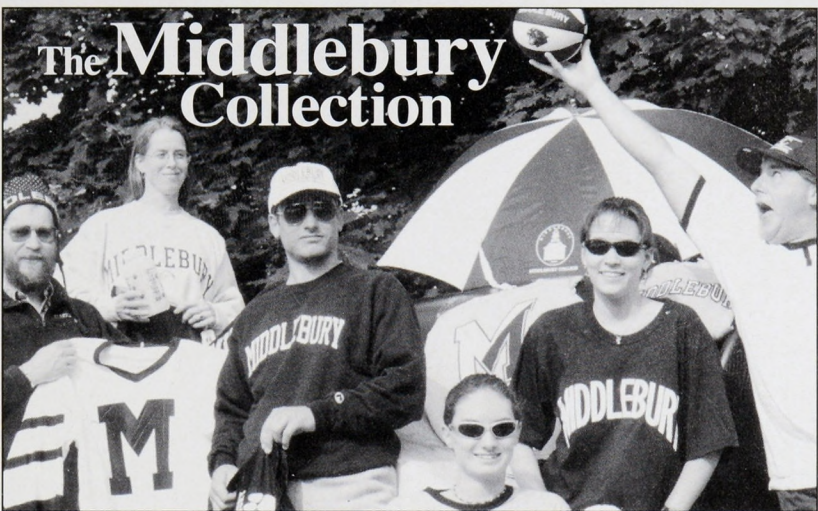
"I started kicking 50-yard field goals. Guys on my team would be betting on how far I'd kick the ball." But it was just a lark. Scott loved soccer and had every intention of playing college soccer—preferably at Middlebury. Then everything changed. A serious knee injury took him out of soccer his junior year and for the rest of his high school career. His doctor told him he could do one thing. Kick. So he joined the football team. Which got him to Middlebury after all.

And he loves it. He really does. But there are these irritating things about being a kicker. Though he puts in the same practice time as any other player, the kicker can be on the field as little as two plays a game. This can be demoralizing to an athlete itching to dive into the fray. "I wish I could contribute more. It's extremely frustrating because I don't get much time out on the field.

"Also, I get hassled because I haven't gone through the drills, or been out there running wind sprints. For the last four years I've been harassed. Made fun of. 'Oh, he's just the kicker, he's not a football player.' I say, 'I'll trade places any time you want when it's the fourth quarter and we need a field goal.'"

At a time like that, Scott has exactly what they need. His physical training has been vital, but there's much more than that. "Scott has worked hard in his training," Heineken explains. "Leg strength is certainly an aspect of being able to kick the ball well. Technique is absolutely vital. It's a little like a golf swing. It requires pretty much the same mind set.

"Good kickers are able to put themselves into a blank zone that removes them from the obvious pressure of the moment. Handling the pressure is the paramount job of



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being a kicker. Most of them can do the mechanics well, but who's going to execute those mechanics under pressure? Like in golf, it's one thing to make a three-foot putt in your warm-up. Now have that putt worth \$100,000 and the ball starts to jump around on you. You need control of the mind. It takes 1.3 seconds between the snap and the kick. That's it. You do it, you're a hero. You don't, you're a goat."

Scott's had personal experience as both a hero and a goat. He remembers especially a game a few years ago with Trinity where he was responsible for the loss—"It was a long ride home." But in general he is very happy being the man handling the pressure. Because that means he's the man in control, and Scott likes being in control.

"I like the pressure of being in that situation. All eyes are on you. The result of the game is ultimately on your shoulders. That's the reason I play. Ideally you'd like to have every single game come down to a field goal with no time on the clock and you have to make it."

Scott is looking for the same kind of control in his life that he seeks in his sport. He is pre-med and has thought long and hard about the pros and cons of dentistry versus medicine. After internships in both areas, he decided recently to go to dental school. "Doctors, they're tied to bigger organizations, I'd have less control. I would get a salary and wear a beeper, or I could have a dental practice, be my own boss, hire and fire, make my own vacation time. There's a huge difference in lifestyle." ■

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By Julia Alvarez '71

FINDING A HOME IN THE COMUNIDAD OF WORDS

***Something to Declare*, Algonquin Books, 1998**

Professor and writer Julia Alvarez '71 has just published her first book of nonfiction, *Something to Declare*. It contains 24 personal essays about her background, her writing habits and "rituals," and the inspiration behind her writing. *Something to Declare* will be of interest to writers and readers of fiction and to the many Alvarez fans, who have made her three previous books—*In the Time of the Butterflies*, *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents*, and *¡Yo!*—best sellers. Following is an excerpt from an essay entitled "So Much Depends."



Julia Alvarez '71, professor of English, writes her first book of nonfiction, *Something to Declare*.

As an adolescent immigrant, I wanted to be an American, period. I was embarrassed by the ethnicity that rendered me colorful and an object of derision to those who would not have me be a part of their culture, at least not without paying the dues of becoming like them. And I was encouraged to assimilate by my parents and teachers, by the media and the texts I studied in school, none of which addressed the issues I was facing in my secret soul. So much of who I was seemed to have no place in this world and culture—and so I started to have a secret life, which no doubt contributed to my becoming a writer.

My family did not move into a comunidad in this country, where a concentration of Dominicans or Latinos would have kept alive and affirmed the values and customs, the traditions and language that were an increasingly hidden part of me. Jamaica Estates was a pretentious—back then, anyway—area in Queens for solidly middle-class families and for up-and-coming white European immigrants—many Germans, some Italians, some Jews, and a couple of us Hispanics.

My father did have the other comunidad in his work life. Every morning he left the Estates for his Centro Médico in a Latino area in Brooklyn, a place my mother called

"a bad neighborhood." The summers I worked at his office, I drove with him through block after block of brick apartment buildings bracketed by intricate fire escapes, a city of concrete. But the lively and populous street life was a lot more enticing than the lonely, deserted lawns back in Queens. At the Centro Médico the nurses were all Dominicans or Puerto Ricans with sometimes an Argentinean or Chilean lording it over us with her Castillian lisp and blond hair. No matter. Papi was boss, and I was la hija del doctor. His patients brought me pastelitos and dulce leche. The guys flirted with me, tossing out their piropos. ("Ay, look at those curves, and my brakes are shot!") I loved the place, though I admit, too, that I was very aware of my difference. At night, we drove back home to a welcome of sprinklers waving their wands of water over our lookalike lawns. We were of another class, in other words, a difference that was signaled the minute I walked into our house and my mother instructed me to wash my hands. "You don't know what germs you picked up over there."

But any comunidad we might have joined would have been temporary anyway. Worried about the poor reception and instruction we were receiving at the local school, my mother got scholarships for us to

go away to school. We were cast adrift in the explosion of American culture on campuses in the late sixties and early seventies. Ethnicity was in. My classmates smoked weed from Mexico and Colombia and hitchhiked down the Pan American highway and joined the Peace Corps after college to expiate the sins of their country against underdeveloped and overexploited countries like, yes, the Dominican Republic. More than once I was asked to bear witness to this exploitation, and I, the least victimized of Dominicans, obliged. I was claiming my roots, my Dominicaness with a vengeance.

But what I needed was to put together my Dominican and American selves. An uncle who lived in New York gave me a piece of advice embedded in an observation: "The problem with you girls is that you were raised thinking you could go back to where you came from. Don't you see, you're here to stay?"

He was right; we were here to stay. But the problem was that American culture, as we had experienced it until then, had left us out, and so we felt we had to give up being Dominicans to be Americans. Perhaps in an earlier wave of immigration that would have sufficed—a good enough tradeoff, to leave your old country behind for the privilege of being a part of this one. But we were not satisfied with that. The melting pot was spilling over, and even Americans were claiming and proclaiming, not just their rights, but the integrity of their identities: Black is Beautiful, women's rights, gay rights.

What finally bridged these two worlds for me was writing. But for many years, I didn't have a vocabulary or context to write about the issues I had faced or was facing. Even after I discovered female models and found my own voice as a woman writer, I did not allow

my "foreignness" to show. I didn't know it could be done. . . . One summer at Bread Loaf, a poet stated categorically that one could write poetry only in the language in which one had first said *Mother*. Thank God, I had the example of William Carlos Williams to ward off some of the radical self-doubt this comment engendered.

How I discovered a way into my bicultural, bilingual experience was paradoxically not through a Hispanic American writer, but an Asian American one. Soon after it came out, I remember picking up *The Woman Warrior* by Maxine Hong Kingston. I gobbled up the book, and then went back to the first page and read it through again. She addressed the duality of her experience, the Babel of voices in her head, the confusions and pressures of being a Chinese American female. It could be done! . . .

Still, I get nervous when people ask me to define myself as a writer. I hear the cage of a definition close around me with its "Latino subject matter," "Latino style," "Latino concerns." I find that the best way to define myself is through the stories and poems that do not limit me to a simple label, a choice. Maybe after years of feeling caught between being a "real Dominican" and being American, I shy away from simplistic choices that will leave out an important part of who I am or what my work is about. . . .

At last I found a *comunidad* in the word that I had never found in a neighborhood in this country. By writing powerfully about our Latino culture, we are forging a tradition and creating a literature that will widen and enrich the existing canon. So much depends upon our feeling that we have a right and responsibility to do this. ■

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CHAPTER NEWS

Spotlight on the Chicago Chapter

Suzanne Daley '96.5

Twenty Midds and their friends held a volunteer day, working for Habitat for Humanity, literally raising the walls of the second story of one home and building the foundations of the second floor of another. Although the work was hard and the day was hot, a great time was had by all. Starting off as just a group of relatively inexperienced construction workers (for many of us, our past "construction" experiences consisted of hanging a poster in a dorm room), we finished exhausted but proud of our accomplishments and amazed at what we Middleburians had built. Special kudos go to University of Illinois at Chicago architecture student Drew Hayes '96 and to home renovator Jennifer Condon '80 who, along with her husband and four-year-old daughter, had a clue about what building a house meant.



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NOTICES

CALL FOR DANCE MEMORIES

Alums who took part in dance activities, both social and performance, are asked to submit memories of College dance events, dance clubs, dance performances, or the dance program (as participants or observers) for a history of dance at Middlebury. Recollections of participation in the first decade of Carnival Ball committees and the early days of modern dance at Middlebury, from the late 1930s through the early 1950s, will be especially welcome.

Please contact Andy Wentink at 232 Fycke Lane, Teaneck, NJ 07666 or by e-mail at "andy@bccls.org"

DIVERSITY INFO SOUGHT

Last spring, President McCardell charged the Human Relations Committee (HRC) to assess the current campus climate on diversity. The committee is presently gathering information from the community and would like to hear from any interested alumni via e-mail (hrc@panther.middlebury.edu), voice mail (802-443-2450) or post mail (c/o Arlinda A. Wickland, DKE Alumni House, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753).

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1916

Hazel Haseltine Adkins celebrated her 104th birthday on June 14, 1998, at a gathering of her friends at the Embury Retirement Home in Saratoga Springs, NY. About 100 residents attended the picnic in her honor at Saratoga State Park.

1925

Class Secretary: *Dr. Ward Oliver, 35 North Grand St., Cobleskill, NY 12043.*

Ward Oliver has been reelected chair of the board of directors of the Bank of Richmondville. A third branch of the bank is now under construction at Schoharie, NY, with a planned completion date of November 1.

1926

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Class Secretary: *Mrs. J.D. Coombs (Miriam Sweet), 13 Highland St., Concord, MA 01742 (phone 978/369-5595).*

Dear Classmates and Other Readers: I shall answer the questions I posed, as promised, in this 70th Reunion Retrospective. I was the only member of our class to attend, through the courtesy of my son, John '60, who accompanied me. With the "Old Guard" ('23 to '43) thoughtfully located at Gifford (close to Proctor for food and to Mead Chapel for concerts and Convocation), we were

attended by understanding staff members and enthusiastic students, who "knew the ropes," and we coped with dormitory life very well. Our beautiful 1928 Old Chapel Banner was in our Gifford headquarters when we arrived and, by magic, was hanging on the balcony at Mead for Convocation. After Saturday breakfast, we hastened to the College Store to take advantage of our 70 percent discount on Midd items. With staff help, I chose a sketch of Mead Chapel, which the store mailed to each classmate. Then, it was time for Convocation. Saturday, May 30, was an extraordinarily beautiful day. Since we were the last to enter, we could watch the classes come up the hill in contagiously high spirits. Following our 1928 banner, to thunderous cane rapping and Emory Fanning's organ version of Gamaliel Painter's Cane, my spirit was high. My dignity lasted until Dr. Stephen Freeman came within hugging distance! (Shades of Dean Ross.) It was a boisterously joyous occasion. I was eager to visit Kirk Alumni Center to see how our Paul Dwight Moody treasures are faring. Beautifully, I discovered. Our portrait of Prexy is so situated that he presides over the entire room. Comfortable furniture has been added in our area and **Bill Donald's** cabinet, **Carleton Simmons's** grandfather clock, and **Nap Blanchette's** stand of encased maps of the campus can be enjoyed by all who visit Kirk. Our encased photos of our reunions in the cabinet define it as ours. Highlights for me were a Friday visit to Prof. Hathaway's former home, temporarily the home of *Middlebury Magazine*, to meet editor Rachel Morton and alumni editor Dotty McCarty, and the Saturday luncheon as guests of President and Mrs. McCardell in "**Tib**" **Moody Rice's** former home. There I met Allyn White '33, son of Latin prof. Raymond "Pa" White and our classmate **Edna Allyn White**; Charlotte Hickcox '45, niece of the Rev. Edward S. Hickcox '26 and Ginny Knox '30. It was an honor and privilege to represent the Class of 1928. ■ Reunion pleasure has been tempered by the loss of three classmates. You have read of **Marjorie Dewing's** death. Marge was our math genius, who loved the social sciences and people. After retirement from teaching she became a world traveler, returning to share her experiences with community groups. She came to our reunions and kept in touch with us from Franklin and the Ave Maria Home in Richford, VT. ■

Martha Ferry's letter, telling of the May 30 death of her father, **Edward "Hank" Ferry**, awaited me. Our 70th Reunion was the first one in years without Hank and Dorothy. He was our class agent, soliciting our support of Middlebury. His was unquestioned. The Ferry-Blanchette group was famous for attending all the Midd football games. In college and in his teaching career, history was his love. He left his family and our class a treasure in his published "Ferry Family History." The Red Sox were his other love. Before her death, Dorothy and Hank divided their year between Amherst, MA, and Winter Haven, FL, then the Sox spring training site. Hank was involved in helping us get the Moody area at Kirk. He loved Middlebury and our class. To Martha, Edward "Ted" Ferry, and all the family, we extend our thanks and sympathy. ■ **Eunice Smith Williams** died in July at the Glencroft Care Center in Glendale, AZ. Eunice and Vida were our Chester, VT, classmates, but Eunice's teaching was in NY State. After retirement, she and her late husband, Clifford, moved to AZ, near the home of their son Henry and his family. We express our sympathy and thank Carol, her daughter-in-law, for keeping in touch when Eunice no longer could. ■ **Elizabeth Stoughton Westfall** now lives in Franciscan Manor, 71 Darlington Rd., Patterson Township, Beaver Falls, PA 15010, 10 minutes away from her daughter's home. She says it is elegant, though the complex is not entirely finished. ■ It was great to hear from **Gordon Wiley**, and thank you all for your notes. The new area code was the phone problem. (See above.) Try again. Mimi

1929



REUNION CLASS

Class Secretary: *Dr. Raymond J. Saulnier, 230 Heron Point, Chestertown, MD 21620-1676.*

I spent the last weekend of August in Middlebury on a social visit and began to make some plans for our 70th Reunion, which will be held on May 28-30, 1999. The College will make every effort to keep us comfortable in our

quarters next door to Mead Chapel and transportation will be provided to enable us to attend events around the campus. We must all try our best to be present for this great occasion.

1930

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1931

Class Secretaries: Mrs. Spencer E. Norton (Ellen Kellogg), 27 S. Water St., Vergennes, VT 05491; and Mr. Walton T. Crocker, Ocean View Apt. 218, 52 Falmouth Rd., Falmouth, ME 04105.

A fall resulted in a broken hip operation for **Floyd Hinman**. As of the middle of July he was in a Salem rehab facility. All hope his recovery will be speedy and successful. The **Walt Crockers** had visits from a daughter and two grandchildren from MI in late July. A Japanese "daughter" from Tokyo was with them at the same time. She had spent a school year with the Crockers 38 years ago and has returned many times for visits. ■ **Phil Bates** writes that he's "just sitting around waiting for my 70th Reunion in 2001. Do you think I'll make it? Still enjoy life on Cape Cod, although physical activities are restricted. No more golf, but my vocal chords are still not 'lost.' Who was it that said 'grow old along with me—the best is yet to be?' Hope he's right."

1932

Class Secretaries: Dr. and Mrs. Gray N. Taylor (Georgiana Hulett), 133 Lawrence St., Embury 28W, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

Avis Collins Fleischer writes: "Is there a chance that *Middlebury Magazine* can be published in large print? I have macular degeneration and wonder if other alumni do also." ■ A memorial for **Henry B. Platt** appeared in the summer issue of *Middlebury Magazine*. In his bio for our 50th Reunion, he wrote, "College was a great experience. It created a lasting interest in learning and a fair degree of intellectual curiosity, which has continued over the years." ■ We send the condolences of the class to **Elsa Smith Beardsley**, whose husband, Chaplain Whitmore E. Beardsley, Lt. Col. USAF Ret, died on March 28. They were married for 62 years. He served in World War II and Korea, as well as serving in various churches in

MA, CT, RI, IL, and CA. He was buried with honors at Ft. Logan National Cemetery.

PHOTO CAPTION **Frances Gale Dulac** and **Roland Sherwood** were married on February 28, 1998. They met two years ago as volunteers in the Bargain Basement which serves the residents of The Shores residential community. A dinner date on January 29 began a whirlwind courtship. On April 4, they moved to a larger apartment. "It looks on a creek which flows into the Manatee River and the Gulf of Mexico. We can see the Gulf from three rooms. It is ideal." The class sends best wishes to the bride and bridegroom. Fran's new address is 1700 3rd Ave. W., #720, Bradenton, FL 34205.

1933

Class Secretary: Mrs. W. Dale Brown (Miriam Barber), 2830 Elmwood Ln., Mount Dora, FL 32757 (352/735-5761).

Several replies to my request for sending in news have delighted me! **Faith Kellogg Dailey**, having lost her husband over a year ago, felt the trip alone to Reunion was too much. She is still living in her home, along with a son and family, giving her a lively part in an extended family, which includes three teenagers and a preschooler. Like most of us, she must pace herself, but shares in work and fun. ■ **Dorothy Weier**, widow of **Bill Weier** and an "adopted member" of our class, now lives in VT's only life care retirement facility in Shelburne, overlooking Lake Champlain. Although a Rutgers alum, she loves Midd '33, just as Bill did.

■ **Florence Martin Hubbard** leads a very busy life as caregiver for her husband, who has many health problems. She and Faith had a long chat the Saturday of Reunion, to comfort each other about not being with us! ■ **Aaron W. Newton**, who was with us only our freshman year, still enjoys news of Middlebury. His hobby is marquetry, creating pictures with veneers from many parts of the world. He enclosed three close-up color snaps of gorgeous picture samples: a Gambel quail seen in his AZ yard, pronghorn antelopes found in the Prescott area, and a VT barn. He's working on some ME lighthouses. These appear to be of museum quality. Some hobby for a retired medical doctor! ■ **Elizabeth Spencer Lane** has a new address: Westminster at Lake Ridge, 12191 Clipper Drive—Apt. #402, Woodbridge, VA 22192. She and **Marian Ball Davidson** had planned on attending our reunion, but Marian's heart kicked up and "Spenny" had a stroke. Additionally, both had lost their husbands. Marian, at last report, was at the Suncoast Health Center in St. Petersburg. "Spenny" has been at Westminster since early June and is more settled in each

day. She appears to know how to feel "at home away from home." She's near enough to daughter Nancy and two grandchildren so that Nancy can stop in after work to see how mom is doing. ■ **Clark Corliss**, since losing his wife, now lives in an assisted living retirement community. Although slowed down a bit, he is able to continue some of his volunteer work with the help of a cane. He sends his regards to all. ■ **Janet Stainton June** was one of those who had never missed a reunion. But a bad fall in her home kept her housebound for several weeks in late winter, and she decided that a later trip to VT to visit her daughter was all she should attempt. Also, she sold her beloved house in Brandon last year, so spending the summer there is no longer possible. ■ Do please check in with me soon. And remember, if you had any postcollege contacts with **Val Bouryschkine** (meetings, memories, mementos, pictures, letters), get in touch with me so you may contact Arnold Kramish. Last call! ■ Let's hope those who were having problems are feeling somewhat better now, or at least holding their own!

1934



REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: Mrs. Andrew W. Reid (Eleanor Orde), 25 Walhondan Way, Lebanon, NH 03766; and James A. Fechheimer, 26 Salem Way, Glen Head, NY 11545.

Edward Stefaniak reports that six years ago he married Glenellen Hawthorne, who shares his life now that his only son, David, has died. Four years ago, Ed and David returned to Poland to visit friends and relatives. David died the following year. David's youngest daughter entered the Univ. of VT in September. Living in Weybridge, Ed and Glenellen are kept busy with family reunions, College events, walking, gardening, and golf. Wonderful! ■ **Nelda Filippone Alleva** suffered a serious fall almost a year ago and now uses a cane to assist her walking. Nelda writes that the trips she and her husband took to London, Paris, and Rome are now happy memories. They are fortunate to have children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren to enjoy now. ■ **Howard Munford** writes he and Marion (Jones) '32 enjoy a somewhat restricted, though interesting life. Daughter Martha and her husband have been visiting from Germany, where they live. A grandson is a third-year resident at the Fletcher Allen Hospital in Burlington, VT, and their granddaughter visited from Germany in August, with her husband and two small children. The Munfords enjoyed a recent

trip to Nova Scotia with son David '74 and his wife, who live nearby. ■ **Curtiss Hickcox** writes: "My 85 years of life are slipping away in my memory, both of past and present events." He fears this summer may be the last at their vacation "camp" on beautiful Moosehead Lake in Greenville, ME. He has already turned "camp" over to his two sons. ■ And I, **Eleanor Orde Reid**, feel that with the world and its people in turmoil, we of the Class of '34 have had the best of all times. I like to think, and I am sure, that we have each made a difference.

1935

Class Secretaries: Miss Avis E. Fischer, Wood River Vge., #J102, 3200 Bensalem Blvd., Bensalem, PA 19020; and Alma Davis Struble (Mrs. Robert), 1977 Marlboro Rd., Kennett Square, PA 19348.

Louise Fleig Newman moved recently to a retirement community, called Rivermont of the Trails, in Norman, OK. Her new address is Mrs. Henry L. Newman, 800 Canadian Trails Dr., #302, Norman, OK 73072. We hope she enjoys the new way of living. Avis planned a weekend visit with her in August. ■ **Bette Loomis Baseler** was vacationing in ME in August, as usual. She also went to Cape Cod recently, when the grandchildren were



Frances Gale Dulac '32 and Roland Sherwood (see 1932 column)



President McCordell traveled to Maine this summer to present W. Stors Lee '28 with his 70th Reunion cane. Beloved of many, Stors has served the College in a variety of capacities over the years.



Midd alumni tour to Italy (see 1937 column)

headed for camp. She still plays tennis, but is learning to play pool for the day when tennis must be given up. In keeping with strict regulations about in-ground oil tanks in Glastonbury, she had hers moved to the basement. She was pleased to see a fire marshal supervise the procedure. Thanks for keeping in touch with your classmates, Bette. ■ In July, **Avis Fischer** went to Bethany Beach in DE to visit a former Hood prof. she knew in Frederick. That was followed by a few days in Ocean City, MD, with a Belgian friend—a war bride many years ago, who still speaks French, much to Avis's pleasure. ■ **Millie Aubrey Monagan** and Walter enjoy their retirement home, but plan once in a while to "change the scene," recently with a trip to Ottawa. Millie enclosed a clipping from the *Burlington Free Press* that relates some of the projects that **Bob Stafford** in his many positions of service to his state and country has brought to fruition. Disaster relief after VT's ice storm last winter, the Robert Stafford Hall at the Univ. of VT, and the Stafford Technical Center are part of this legacy. His support helped push through the Superfund cleanup. The account of his journey through the political world will be found in the second edition of the Class of '35 yearbook. As president of the Coolidge Foundation, Bob attended ceremonies this summer in Plymouth, VT, to mark the 75th anniversary of Coolidge's swearing in as the 30th president on August 3, 1923. ■ From WI, **Gertrude Knight Cleverdon** traveled to Plymouth, VT, to join six of her grandchildren in a camping experience that left her "breathless." ■ **Norma Selleck Morgan** still lives in Montpelier, VT. Since her husband died, she has led a quieter life, but family visits are frequent. ■ **Natalie Dunsmoor** enjoyed many trips to Lake Wallenpaupack in PA to enjoy her sister's cottage overlooking the lake. Although she did the trip twice by herself, she appreciates traveling as a passenger with her PA family, especially on some of the busier highway segments. She was looking forward to her 23rd Alumni College course—this one in legal psychology! She enjoyed Reunion Weekend, with a young friend along to do the driving. ■ **Sarah Lou**

Elliott Ordway wrote to inform us that her husband's need to be closer to a hospital forced them to move to a new home in Wenatchee, WA. They put a manufactured home on two lots they had owned for 50 years, which places them conveniently near a large hospital. Noting that *Middlebury Magazine* has been housed in Hathaway House, Sarah writes: "Our musical family spent many a happy time at Hathaway House before World War II. The Elliots moved to Middlebury during 1934 and 1935." She sends greetings to Sue Hathaway Hopper '37—whose father, Lewis Hathaway, founded the music department at Middlebury in 1914. ■ In honor of the 100th birthday of our very special member of the class Dr. Steven Freeman, the *Addison County Independent* wrote of his life and the many varied contributions he made to the language programs at Midd and elsewhere and to his activities and projects in the town. The complete article will be found in the scrapbook. The Class of '35 congratulates Dr. Freeman on his 100th birthday and looks forward to greeting him at our 65th Reunion. ■ Memorials appear elsewhere in this issue for three recently departed classmates. Condolences go to the family of **Robert W. Dearborn**, who died on July 27, 1998. He enjoyed a long a successful career with the NH Department of Safety as a captain in the state police. He started the scouting program and established other youth programs in Plymouth, NH. ■ Our thanks to Lucinda K. Thorpe for sending us a wonderful letter about her father, **Matthew Kotowski Korwin**, who died on June 21, 1998. Lucinda and her daughter, Jeannine, visited Matthew this spring, while he was in the hospital with a broken hip and pneumonia. "For a week we were able to share memories of growing up in the beach town, Encinitas, CA, where we enjoyed our summers bodysurfing in the Pacific Ocean. He shared with me the years he spent at Middlebury, and how much he appreciated the privilege of attending and graduating from Middlebury. He often spoke also of the summers he attended the French Language School." We send the sincere condolences of the class to his wife, Jeanette, daughter Cindy,

son Robert, and all the family. ■ We are saddened to report the death of **Louise Feather Waggoner** on July 22. She and **Hyatt Waggoner** were married by Prof. Harrington of Middlebury's philosophy department at "The Birches," the Harringtons' summer cottage in a high valley in the hills above Rochester, VT. The Waggoners retired to Rochester in 1979 to "Red House," a renovated farmhouse in the same hollow where they had been married. The sympathy of the class goes to her family, especially her daughters, Veronica Waggoner Johnson '64 and Jane LoMonaco.

1936

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. M.W. Herrington (Ret Hanson), P.O. Box 390, Saranac Lake, NY 12983; and Dr. Angus M. Brooks, Odd Fellows Home, 200 Pleasant St., #273, Concord, NH 03301.*

We regret reporting the death of **Bud Conklin** on May 6. His early success with general medicine led to his entering the new specialty of family practice, where he passed his American Boards as a charter member. A beloved physician, he was in touch with Yale Medical School through the excellent affiliation for ongoing education with the Waterbury (CT) Hospital, where he enjoyed teaching internal medicine. For 30 consecutive years, he was public health officer, school physician, and assistant medical examiner—an amazing record. His autobiography for our 50th Reunion speaks for his courage: "June 1936 was an unhappy time for me. I had flunked physical chemistry that year and was disqualified from taking my comprehensives. Quietly, while everyone else celebrated, I sneaked home to ponder my future." Five years later, he graduated from UVM Medical School, served three years with the Army in the Pacific, and then settled in Thomaston. At his funeral services, his life was celebrated for its splendid success. A memorial appeared in the summer issue. ■ **Charlie Startup** writes from Oberlin, a college town of 10,000 people, that he says seems empty when 2,500 students leave for the summer. It reminded him of our leaving Middlebury. He also remembers Prexy Moody: "I got to know him better through my job of delivering college mail. He was a fine gentleman and a great college president." Charlie and Jane plan to spend part of the summer in northern MI, where they have vacationed for many years. "The children, grandchildren, Jane, and I are all well." ■ It is interesting to think back on our classmates' working careers, some in a single place and others in many locations. Speaking only of the men, **Malcolm Gross** did graduate work in Heidelberg and Harvard before joining the B.F. Goodrich Co. in Akron. He later

earned his Ph.D. in chemistry from Case Western Reserve Univ. and stayed on "with my first and only employer." He and Esther have enjoyed northern OH for its outdoor activities and point out that "it is certainly not a cultural wasteland." During these past years he has done volunteer work with an Episcopal Church on Marco Island, where he continues as a licensed lay minister. He concludes: "It is rewarding to fill a niche where one develops some expertise." ■ **Arch C. Tilford** enjoys living at 43 Chipman Park in Middlebury with son Hudson and his wife, Val, and their three sons, ages 8, 10, and 12. "Still fish a lot, play bridge, attend lots of Little League games, and entertain the boys in my apartment." He says he is "planning on 100th birthday cards." ■ **Cornelia Philips Keegan** is a charter member of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration, started back in 1946. As a Master Craftsman, it has been her life's work to teach "authentic reproduction of antique decorating," and people come to her classes from miles away. It is good to hear that she still gives her classes one day a week in her home studio. She sounds active and happy in Hudson, OH. ■ **Ed and Ruth McNulty Howard** are both perking along quite well and happy in AZ—even in over 100-degree temperatures—with swimming, golfing, playing bridge, etc. They sometimes do go to Deer Lodge, UT, or some other cool place, if it gets too hot. ■ **Agnes Harris Taylor** went to HI with her cousin in early May. At a layover in Los Angeles, they had supper at an airport restaurant with Charles '37 and **Ruth Schaeffer Sawyer**, who are reportedly doing fine. Then on to the islands of Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii. On June 11, Agnes and **Ret Hanson Herrington** visited **Louise Hubbard McCoy** and had lunch in her lovely Rutland, VT, home. ■ Although **Phyl Sanderson** fell, hit her head, and broke several ribs in late May, she says she is a survivor. ■ Middlebury recently named three new student residences. These new buildings carry the names of **Mary Williams Brackett**, Patricia Judah Palmer '57 and W. Kyle Prescott '49. ■ **Ray and Harmony Buell Cobb** recently returned from a trip to Portland, OR, to see her family and to Olympia, WA, where Ray's grandson, Alexander, graduated from Evergreen College. ■ We extend the condolences of the class to **Eleanore Cobb Lee** on the recent death of her husband, Armistead. You can write to her at Goodwin House 932, 4800 Fillmore Ave., Alexandria, VA 22311.

1937

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Barbara Hopkins (Barbara Gregory), 1021 W. Devonshire Rd., Delafield, WI 53018; and the Rev.*

Loring D. Chase, Kendal at Hanover, 80 Lyme Rd., #215, Hanover, NH 03755.

Marion Gerling Church reports having "many good memories during these days! Midd is really in our blood." Seems that Marion and **Beulah Shepard Towne** got together while both their husbands were having complete knee replacements of both knees. Sheppie remembers that she was visiting Marion at Sacondaga Lake in 1938 when she caught the last northern pike in the lake. She says that "if any classmates' ears are burning, we are catching up on what we each know about them." Marion closes by saying that "we are both so thankful for this opportunity to be together and for the marvelous medical techniques that have kept us as well as we are." ■ **Caroline Elliott Dorst**

writes: "Today my seven-foot Steinway is going through a complete rebuilding, for the third time. I bought it in 1948 for \$1,000 from Mrs. Bruce Crane and the Pittsfield Museum. You know, Crane Paper Co. [How many of you knew that! LDC] It's costing me 10 times that." Caroline also sent a photo of her and the Steinway soon after it was purchased. She also sent an obituary for **Mel Couperus**, whose memorial appeared in the summer issue. We send the sympathy of the class to Mel's family, especially son John and daughters Alice Couperus Gross '62 and Judith Couperus Radasch '65. ■ We were sorry to hear that **Bill Craig** has suffered a stroke: "Hit me just before Christmas," he writes. "I was pretty helpless for a while, but wife Lorenza has been terrific and gradually I have been making some progress. I can walk around and it's improving steadily. My family has been wonderful. Greg has been appointed director of policy and planning, working with Madeline Albright. Sandy is an M.D. in Montpelier, VT. Jim works in a hospital in VT as well. They are wonderful and look in on me as often as they can. I am in LaJolla, so you see that we have come home to rest in CA." Before the stroke, Bill went back to England. His next trip—"when and if"—will be Ireland. Don't say "when and if," Bill! Just say "next trip." ■ The news about **Gertrude Dole** is not good. A massive stroke has left her paralyzed on her right side, but she is in an excellent nursing home and her younger sister is taking care of her affairs. You may correspond with Trudy through her sister, Dorothy D. Johnson, 20 Loeffler Road, T307, Bloomfield, CT 06002. ■ **Walt Brooker** is recovering nicely from his August 3 hip replacement. We wish him well! On the news front, he writes: "Bobbie (Carrick) '40 and I went to Venice for three days and then sailed up the Po River on a river boat. It was an alumni cruise and Midd Prof. John Hunisak did a great job as our tour leader. This was our second alumni cruise, having taken the Danube River cruise some years earlier. I mention this because I found both more meaningful than other cruises we have

taken. The reason, I believe, is the addition of faculty lectures. On this last cruise, there were three alumni groups—Brown, Middlebury, and Williams. Midd and Williams gave us art historians, while the Brown faculty member was an authority on Dante. So I recommend alumni cruises to all my classmates. I look forward to doing another after my three-month recovery period."

PHOTO CAPTION Savoring the art and literature of Italy on an alumni tour last June were (seated) **Walter Brooker**, Pat Brewer Chadwick '39, Elizabeth Letson '39, Prof. John Hunisak (history of art and architecture dept.), Claire Brugges Steiger '55, (standing) Carolyn Bennett Jackson '61, Peter Jennison '44, Bobbie Carrick Brooker '40, and Will Jackson '51.

1938

Class Secretaries: Mrs. Charles M. Hall (Margaret Leslie), 510 Wake Robin Dr., Shelburne, VT 05482.

To those of you who could not be with us for our 60th Reunion, you were greatly missed. Messages and greetings were received from **Ray Brainard**, **Ralph Campagna**, **Helen Cosenza Chase**, **Ginny Fischer Ellison**, **Anne Kilbride Long**, **Ruth Sheldon Pratt**, and **Claribel Nothnagle Spamer**. Once again, friendships were renewed and memories were forming as we celebrated on Middlebury's beautiful campus. The College treated us royally with convenient lodging in Gifford, wonderful meals, and excellent transportation. Convocation on Saturday morning was as impressive as always! One of the many highlights was the delicious luncheon at the president's home. President and Mrs. McCardell are most gracious hosts. Following that, some had a guided tour of the campus, and others of us visited the art gallery at the Marble Works, where **Marjory Arnold Cady** exhibits her paintings. **Betty Gates Tuttle** and **Jack Cridland** were a lively duo as emcee sat our banquet, which was held in the Redfield Proctor Faculty Dining Room in Proctor Hall. Following Sunday's inspiring chapel service, **Marjory Arnold Cady** hosted a brunch for all of us. Her home lends itself beautifully for such an occasion, and it gave a few delightful extra hours to be together before saying farewell until our 65th. In addition to those mentioned above, the following classmates were with us: **Jane Abbott Barry**, **Arne Bulkeley Beltz**, **Rebecca Abbott Brooks**, **Jean Dusenbury Brown**, **Madeline Buttles**, **Nelson and Polly Overton Camp**, **Jean Hoadley Dudley**, **Eleanor Barnum Gardner**, **Art Gilbert**, **Tommy Leslie Hall**, **Jane Liddle Heath**, **Cecil Holstrom**, **Margaret Lawrence Lind**, **Sidney**

Luria, **Bob Matteson**, **Betty MacCulloch Mattox**, **Florence Hulme Miner**, **Phyllis Malcolm Mithassel**, **Janet Randall Morgan**, **Eleanor Carroll Mullis**, **Russell Norton**, **Betty Osborne Peelor**, **Louise Hoyt Short**, **Helen Kelley Stafford**, **Dorothy Simonds Stearns**, **Winnie Duffield Taylor**, and **Field Winslow**. And to **Madeline Buttles**, who served as our secretary so very efficiently, we say "many, many thanks." ■ After reunion, **Janet Randall Morgan** did some traveling. She writes: "June 12 to July 3, we traveled to London, 'chunnel' to Brussels, bus to Amsterdam, Utrecht, Hamburg, and on to Denmark, Sweden, and Norway. Fantastic scenery! Back to London by overnight ferry. Now enjoying swims in the ocean and just being home after a busy spring. ■ Memorials appeared in the summer issue for **William D. Mundell**, who died December 24, 1997, and **Herman N. Benner**, who died March 12, 1998. To their families we extend our deepest sympathy.

1939



REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: Mr. and Mrs. Thor B. Gustafson (Carol Miner), One Prudence Ln., Brookside, NJ 07926; and Mrs. Raymond J. Skinner (Ruth Coleman), Brainerd St., P.O. Box 52, Danville, VT 05828.

Bettie Letson and **Pat Brewer Chadwick** enjoyed the Middlebury alumni trip to Italy in June. They were pleased to be traveling with Walt '37 and Bobbie Carrick Brooker '40 and several other Middlebury alums. (See photo and Walt's comments in the 1937 column.) Bettie and Pat were very impressed with the faculty leaders, including Middlebury Prof. John Hunisak. They are both planning to be with us for our 60th Reunion, May 28-30, 1999. ■ **Marilyn and Bill Stoops** are both well, playing some golf and lawn bowling. Bill is in a woodcarving group which meets weekly. They also enjoy travel with a senior group. ■ **Ginny Orde Church** had surgery recently, and we hope she is recovering well. ■ **Louise Roberts Avery** enjoyed a seven-day tour of Ireland in June, but found it less appealing than England. ■ We extend our deepest sympathy to **Ruthie Coleman Skinner** on the loss of her brother, John. She said his service was most impressive, with eleven ministers in attendance, including the Bishop of Washington. This summer, Ruthie and **Dot Korb Carter** were driving down to CT to visit a friend and daughter re-

spectively. Ruthie returned to work with her church group at the Danville Fair in August. ■ **Olive Holbrook Nagle** is hoping to take a trip to the Black Sea in June 1999. The trip was planned for this summer, but had to be postponed. Olive is looking forward to our 60th Reunion. ■ **Barbara and Bob Lord** took an eight-day Tauck Canyonlands tour in July: "The Grand Canyon, Bryce, and Zion are all magnificent and awesome." In early August, they spent a long weekend at Lake George, NY, for the annual reunion of his mother's family association (Buffum). In September, they were taking a week cruise in the Thousand Islands. Bob is spearheading a drive to raise funds to clean the statue of Gen. Philip Sheridan in Greenwich Village. Sheridan was his grandfather's commander during the Civil War. For more info about this, phone him at 212-243-8359. ■ We received a photo of the new science building at Middlebury, Bicentennial Hall, from **Bob Cushman**. This new structure, which dwarfs the other campus buildings, will be almost completed when we arrive for our 60th Reunion. Bob also sent a fascinating photo of his home on Court Street, where painters were making a "three-tiered attack." As Bob stated, "It isn't every house in town that gets its picture in the paper for getting painted." He wrote that eight men worked for several days to complete the job; no matter which room he went into—there was someone working outside the window. We send our congratulations to Bob and Corraan on the arrival of Collin Robert Barkley (the Robert in honor of Bob). They are now great-grandparents and we hope to see the four-generation photo at reunion. Great news, Bob. ■ **Jean Briggs Fisher** would love to hear from friends at P.O. Box 1148, McCloud, CA 96057. Jean suffered a severe stroke on August 28, 1997, which has left her with no physical paralysis, but she does have confusion and memory impairment. She is now living in CA with son Paul (named for Prexy Moody) Rafuse, who wrote recently to bring us up-to-date on his mother: "She recounts what seem to be vivid memories of Middlebury and Bread Loaf. They were very happy and exciting years for her. She would be thrilled to receive some correspondence from old acquaintances and classmates. She remains close to our old family friends, Erie and Mary Volkert, and has spoken with them on the phone a few times, but some correspondence from her other friends would really thrill her." Our thanks to Paul for his letter.

1940

Class Secretaries: **Bob and Bobbie Plumer Alden**, 51 Otterside Ct., Middlebury, VT 05753.

Bob and Lois Whittier Pickard are now happily installed at Laurelmead, a relatively new retirement community in Providence, RI. Their address is 355 Blackstone Blvd., #250, Providence, RI 02906. They write: "Lots of amenities, easy access to our former haunts, and nice people here." ■ **Jesse (Hal) Gordon** writes: "After a long effort to bite the bullet, I have pulled the plug and sold my beautiful home after 49 years of big trees, pool, etc., and wonderful California living." His wife passed away two years ago. He now lives in a tiny apartment in Walnut Creek, CA. ■ We know that everyone has been busy this summer and fall, but now we look forward to hearing from each and every one of you in your annual Christmas update letters.

1941

Class Secretary: *Lester W. Ingalls, P.O. Box 583, Middlebury, VT 05753; and Ruth Packard Jones (Mrs. Charles), RR 1, Box 86A, Walton, NY 13856.*

Bill and **B. Grow Grim** enjoyed a midsummer trip to Shelburne Museum in VT. ■ **Sid Thomas**, formerly of Orwell, VT, now resides in Lenox, MA, where he and Ellen Lamar Thomas '44 are happily ensconced in a most enjoyable retirement home. There the atmosphere is pleasing and the administration friendly and helpful. ■ **Jean Connor**, who resides at the Wake Robin retirement community in Shelburne, VT, is enjoying the newly completed pool at that facility. Summer activities have included the Mozart Festival Concerts in Burlington and a garden tour sponsored by the Flynn Theater. ■ **Len Brown** sent along an obit for a KDR brother of '52 which we forwarded to the Alumni Office. Otherwise, we assume that he is still thriving in Windsor, VT. ■ **Ruth "Packy" Jones** and **Connie Girard Brown** enjoyed luncheon together midway between their home towns. Connie had just returned from a trip to Bermuda, and Packy from her granddaughter's graduation from Mt. Holyoke College. Having put her house on the market, Connie is buying a new condominium to move into sometime this fall. ■ **John and Ruth Carpenter Donnell** have moved to an apartment in a retirement community: 600 E. Cathedral Rd., L108, Philadelphia, PA 19128. They still spend summers at their VT place, part of an environmentally oriented community in Mt. Holly. Ruth and John attended an Elderhostel (22 so far) in FL, photographed birds in the Everglades, and visited Norton '43 and **Nicki Bory Decker** in Kissimmee. ■ **Merriitt Garland** notes "not really anything unusual about the winter

*"Life is absolutely GREAT!
Every day that I wake up is a good one,
no matter what happens!"*

Pat Kane MacFadden

◆ 1942 ◆

here—especially at my cabin at 2,000-foot elevation in Whitingham, VT. No way to get there but skis and snowshoes." It is there that he reads by the fire and cuts wood. He spent three years building the cabin from logs that he cut and scribe fitted. When not in rustication, he has traveled to AK and the Canadian Rockies. ■ With her permission, we report that **Caroline Butts Dodge** has given her FL condominium to our alma mater. A gift of property to the College provides the contributor with a significant income tax reduction and/or life annuity. It makes a generous gift to Middlebury. Proceeds of Buttsie's gift are designated for scholarships and are credited to the Class of 1941 Fund in memory of her late husband, **Allen A. Dodge**.

With a great sense of loss we report the sudden death of Les Ingalls on September 30, 1998. A memorial will appear in the next issue. S. J. House has graciously agreed to report news for the men of 1941.

1942

Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. John E. Bates (Nancy Rindfus), 621 Laurel Lake Dr., #B119, Columbus, NC 28722.*

Greetings from the mountains of NC. Yes, it was a hot summer here, also. Since my mail from the class was zero, I got on the phone and called a few of you in between our trips. **Nina Camuti Danielsen** always has news. Her new area code is 732. She took a leave of absence from the museum—fortunately, because her car got sick and needed six weeks in the hospital—so she was without wheels. During this difficult period she visited a daughter in Chicago for two weeks and spent a week in MD to attend a wedding. Her youngest son was married in September. ■ **Pat Kane MacFadden** had a busy summer. Her trip to Seattle included a voyage up the Puget Sound, living on a 42-foot Grand Banks Trawler for eight days, returning via seaplane. A flight to NYC brought a fun stint chaperoning seven delightful ballet students—one of them her talented granddaughter Devon Parish—who were studying for six weeks at the American Ballet Theater. "Finally back home in time to house-dog-garden-pool "sit" for

my kids while they were away. Life is absolutely GREAT! Every day that I wake up is a good one, no matter what happens!" ■ **Alice Voorhees Adams** has moved to a retirement complex. Her new address is 334 Monroe St., Arbor Glen, Bridgewater, NJ, 08807. phone, 908 or 732-704-1555. ■ **Phil and Betty Blanchard Robinson** did their annual two weeks in ME with Marge and Jim Cornwall '40. In August they were heading to the Adirondacks with their son and grandson; they had plans with their other son in September. ■ **Helen Hooley Young** had a quiet summer—except over the 4th, when the kids arrived en masse. She's playing bridge, honing up her skills for the group in Venice, FL. One grandson went to Bolivia this summer with AFS and is now college hunting. ■ **Chuck and Dodie Watson Kitchell** have made the big move and big adjustment to apartment living in a retirement community—and they were ready for it. Chuck had three bouts of pneumonia, plus cardiac arrest earlier this year and Dodie hasn't been well. She sounded great over the phone. Their new address is Heatherwood at King's Way, Yarmouth Port, MA 02675, #3226; phone 508-362-0436. They keep in touch with **Cherry Dionne Files**, who still loves working at the family business. ■ **Marion Anderson Jordan** is the leader of a French conversation class in MD, where she and William live. ■ **John McMann** spent 17 days in a Red Cross shelter during the January ice storm. Daughter Mary received her Ph.D. at Syracuse Univ. in May. Now a prof. at Onondaga Community College in Syracuse, she also holds degrees from St. Lawrence, Colgate, and Albany. Daughter Cathy (UVM '75) has a daughter (SLU '95) teaching in Boston, a son at Clarkson Univ., and another son in high school. They live in Lake Placid. ■ Jack and I have been wandering around. Had a very interesting trip on the Rivers of Europe from Amsterdam to Vienna. The idea of an inland waterway from the North Sea to the Black Sea started with Charlemagne in 800, but just came to fruition recently with the construction of a canal connecting the Main River with the Danube by locks that take the boats over the watershed—66 locks some 85 feet deep get you up, then down—all through the beautiful countryside and lovely medieval villages. It was a grand circle trip (14

days by river boat) and very well run on a new boat. Then we ventured up north when **Bill and Meg Buscher Andrews** accepted our invitation to stay overnight with them in their lovely condo in Southbury, CT. They are both full of energy, doing Meals on Wheels, playing golf and bridge, plus Bill drives the ambulance. They plan to spend three months in Green Valley, AZ, next year, starting January 1. ■ Stay happy and healthy.

1943

Class Secretaries: *Chick Johnson Doe, 327 Ayer Rd., Harvard, MA 01451; and Dr. John S. Gale, 24 Beach Rd., Gloucester, MA 01930.*

With regret we report the sudden death of **Ruth DeLong Rude** on July 17 at a rehabilitation unit to which she had been transferred following hospitalization. Her recent problems prevented her from coming to the 55th Reunion, one of the very few she had missed since graduation. Ruth was a loyal classmate and Middlebury supporter, who bore her many infirmities of recent years bravely and without complaint. **Ginnie Carpenter Halstead** was among those who attended the memorial service. ■ **Mary Bidwell Ouimette** expired peacefully on August 3, 1998, at Falmouth, MA, after a long and courageous siege with cancer. A letter of sympathy on behalf of the class has gone to her husband, Bill Ouimette '42, and to her family. ■ We also send the condolences of the class to the families of **Jane Whitman Van Blarcom**, who died on April 13, and **Arthur E. Grosvenor**, who died on April 16. Their memorials appeared in the summer issue. ■ **Marie and Harry Walch** have moved from CT to Waldoboro, ME, to be near daughter Delia Walch Mohlie '76 and son-in-law Tom Mohlie '78 and their family. ■ **Roger Easton** tells us of a recent visit from **Don Gale**, who seemed in fine condition. Roger and Barbara beat the heat and keep in shape by swimming in their own pond—when they can chase the beavers out. ■ **Pat Rogers Prukop** has been making a slow but successful recovery since the surgical removal of a large kidney stone in April 1998. She still lives "on the water" in HI, but says she's no longer kayaking; her kayak disappeared in a hurricane along with the fence to which it was secured. One of her sons, Christopher '67, continues to work at WGBH in Boston, and Pat has been encouraged to combine a visit to him with our projected mini-reunion in October 2000. ■ In his letters, **Bill Desmond** describes a plethora of wildlife in the Catskills, in

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1944



REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Neil Atkins (Marylu Graham), 12 Carter Rd., New London, NH 03257.*

M. Jane Nielsen writes: "Have just restored my 1936 Royal Enfield bicycle, on which I have ridden over 100 miles in a day. Looks good, but not as beautiful as original. Mother still lives in her lovely home across 'the Pali' mountain in Kailua. I help with garden and pets, while swimming, etc., in front of my own apartment under Diamond Head."

■ A note from **Carolyn Nash Taylor** informs us that she has returned to volunteering at Fairfax Hospital, after having "retired" some years ago. Husband **Herb Taylor** is actively involved in local civic groups. The latest coup of one of his organizations is to prevent a developer from building a hotel in their residential area. A rare victory. ■ **George (Pete) Harris** has been recovering slowly since undergoing a second bypass surgery in May. He is encouraged by messages from some of his fraternity brothers, including **Art Pepin**, **John Cadwell**, and **Tom Rooney**. Tom tells us that his physician is Pete's son, Peter '74, who is a doctor in Newport, VT. "He keeps me going," he says. The Harris family is surely a Middlebury family. All four of their children—Anne Harris Onion '69, Martha Harris Dolben '72, Peter '74, and Ellen Harris Swiggett '82—are Midd grads, and now this fall they have three grandchildren—Megan Harris '00, Zakary Pritchard '01, and Joshua Onion '02—enrolled at the College. Sounds like a record! ■ Quite by chance this spring, we met John and **Jean Pierce Verville**, who told us they are still involved with family and friends and enjoying life in NH. What more can we ask? ■ **Dave** and **Army Nierhaus** '48 **Stebbins** wrote to inform us of their move to a retirement village (212 Azalea Ln., West Grove, PA 19390) on July 31. Their son, Andy Stebbins '82, who married Lisa Lee on September 28, will be living in Perth, Australia, for the next few years.

■ Your secretaries anticipated attend-

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M. Jane Nielsen

◆ 1944 ◆

ing the Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf again in September, when we hope to glean some fresh ideas on how to light a fire under our classmates to send us news. While we hope no news is good news, we'd rather be able to report *any* news. Have you noticed the postcard in each issue of the *Middlebury Magazine*? Please use it or give us a call!

1945

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Donald A. Stearns (Shirley Miller), 166-25 Powells Cove Blvd, Beechurst, NY 11357; and Mr. Peter Q. McKee, 26 Turtleback Road, P.O. Box 197, Sunapee, NH 03782.*

When she went off to a book signing in Sharon, CT, **Ruth Collins Shikes** had a feeling the author of some "wonderful" children's books—Elizabeth Ring—just might be "Tommy" Ring Hennefrund '44. Sure enough, she was! Tommy's husband, Bill Hennefrund '42, was there as well, and as they talked they discovered their paths have crossed at several points. Later, with plans to meet again, and two books for grandson Connor (5) in MI, it was a delightful example of "Six Degrees of Separation." ■ **Liz Hruby-Mills** '84, an attorney in Salt Lake City, brought husband Tracy and daughter Hollis Marie (2 1/2) to visit **Betty Hatcher Hruby** in July. Hollis Marie swam in the big pond at Betty and Rick's place in Middletown Springs, VT. Also, while in Mount Holly, NJ, the whole family got together for a barbecue with newlyweds Steve and Nancy Hruby. ■ **Ruth Taylor Wilcoxson**, of Naperville, IL, has been doing baby-sitting big time this year for her grandchildren, the offspring of son Keith and daughter Lesley. ■ Due to some serious flooding out west, **Priscilla "Pete" Hodges Heald** had to forego river-rafting on the Missouri River and couldn't search for sapphires, but otherwise she and daughter Sue did enjoy their June Elderhostel trip, "On the Heels of Lewis and Clark." Pete recommends reading Steve Ambrose's book, *Undaunted Courage*, about the Lewis and Clark Expedition. ■ Dan and **Shirley Miller Stearns** had a *magnifique!* trip to France: "The weather was superb throughout and great for the tennis championships at Roland Garros.

We saw some great matches with the likes of Pioline, Seles, Hingis, Novatna, and 'the Spanish Armada.' A special highlight was meeting and talking with Australian tennis star Ken Rosewall." They visited glorious art museums, and spent time in Giverny, Avignon, the medieval fortress village of Les Baux, reconnected with Van Gogh in Arles and St. Remy, then went on to Nice and the gorgeous Côte d'Azur. "Every day a new delight—Monte Carlo, Antibes, St. Paul de Vence, Musée Matisse, Musée Chagall. Reentry into smog, heat, simple (mostly veggie) food, and an unexpectedly unfinished apartment was some contrast! But not all bad. A nice treat soon after was an invitation to play at the USTA Arthur Ashe stadium court. So what if the fans wouldn't arrive until August 31! A great thrill." ■ We recently learned of the death of **Everett K. Hicks** on September 28, 1997, and we wish to send sincere condolences to the family, especially his sister, Helen Hicks Coulter '48. A memorial appeared in the summer issue. ■ Our condolences to **Dorothy Laux O'Brien** on the loss of her sister, Jane Laux Brett Holt '46, on August 1, 1998. As recently as March 9, 1998, Jane was honored when she participated at Middlebury in marking International Women's Day. ■ Our thanks to **Wilma "Wink" Bunce Clements** for writing to let us know of the death of her husband, Daniel, last February. As the wife of a career naval officer, Wink and their two daughters and three sons have lived in many areas of the country, from Foley, AL, to Monterey, CA. Following retirement from the Navy, Daniel became VP of planning for Blue Cross, and they lived in Columbus, OH, for nine years. Moving to Pensacola in 1979, they became active in Hospice of Northwest FL and served as readers for the Northwest FL Radio Reading Service. Wink has opted to continue living in Pensacola, "even though it is far removed from all our children, because, among other things, the thermometer rarely gets near freezing! I do NOT miss the VT winters! My days are full—I play a lot of golf, quite a bit of bridge, volunteer at the local hospital, and keep in touch with my children through the miracle of computers and e-mail. I'm sorry to say that I do not have anything to pass on about other classmates—my last encounter with any of them was at our 50th Reunion and that was four

years ago. (Oh, can that be?) That was a good time, wasn't it? Incidentally, the FL license on my car reads MIDD 45."

1946

Class Secretaries: *Mary Cummings Nordstrom (Mrs. Everett R.) (maryelizabeth@pinehurst.net), 10 Inverness Rd., Pinehurst, NC 28374; and Joan Campbell Shaw (Mrs. Douglas P.), Cottage St., RR 2, Box 3412, Manchester Center, VT 05255.*

Among the guests at the Homestead in Bristol, NH, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Everett and **Mary Elizabeth Cummings Nordstrom** on June 12 were Pete '44 and **Barbara Busing Harris**, T. Holmes (Bud) Moore '42—who gave the toast—and Kay Craven '46, a returning bridesmaid. The Nordstroms' children sang and recited original poetry to the delight of everyone! Robinson V. Smith, who sang Grieg's "Ich Liebe Dich" in English at the wedding, sang it in German this time around, with Helmut Baer (the Nordstroms' son-in-law) on hand to check the diction. Dan Smith, who played the organ for the wedding, accompanied at the keyboard. The Bridgetones, a vocal quartet based in the Newfound area of NH, sang under the direction of Bud Moore '42. All is preserved on a videotape, which Ev and Mary Elizabeth have promised themselves to play once a month. ■ **Barbara Busing Harris** supervised Pete's ('44) recovery from a serious hospital stay prior to the time of the party. We are glad he continues in much better health. Their daughter, Ellie Harris Swiggett '82, and family were at Rockywold Camp on Squam Lake in NH recently. When the Harrises visited her there, they met **Betty Jane Whitcomb Bunker** (of Asheboro, NC), who was with us for freshman year. The Bunkers' daughter, Robin Bunker Timmins, graduated from Midd in '73. The Bunkers visit with their daughter's family at Rockywold each July. The Nordstroms and Bunkers used to meet annually at the Dartmouth Club of the Piedmont before the Nordstroms moved from Chapel Hill to Pinehurst. ■ **Kay Craven** wrote recently to report that she had been doing a little traveling. She went to Nova Scotia in September of '97 and spent two January weeks in FL. Last spring she had a wonderful trip to Italy in May, staying in Monte Cantini and taking day trips to all sorts of interesting places. "Thought I better get moving while I am still able." After enjoying perfect summer beach weather on Cape Cod, she planned to be in San Francisco in September and Hilton Head for Thanksgiving. Kay braved the flooding rains to attend the Nordstroms' 50th party last June. ■ **Ann Curry**



Friends from '46 in Ridgefield (see 1946 column)

Munier again spent the summer at Lake Winnepesaukee, with lots of family visiting. She sees Bill and **Hazel Godfrey Murphy** and Pete '44 and **Barb Busing Harris**, all of whom live nearby. Congratulations to Ann and Milo, who celebrated their 50th anniversary on September 18. In a later "interview," Barb revealed that the three Munier children are still married to the same spouses and have produced nine grandchildren, ages 6-23! Barb also spoke of husband Pete's second bypass surgery in May and of his subsequent cardiac rehabilitation. We wish him well! And speaking of grandchildren, the Harrises will have three at Middlebury this fall. Please turn to the class notes for 1944 for a complete rundown of the Harris family at Middlebury! ■ Barb mentioned that **Helene Jacober Siegel** would love to hear from classmates. Her husband, Gerry, has suffered a stroke. They are still in Washington, DC. ■ **Trudy Hayward Schmitt** spends her summers on Willsboro Point on Lake Champlain. We are sorry to learn that Al's Parkinson's syndrome, from which he has suffered for eight years, has become increasingly worse. He is now staying in a facility in Plattsburgh, NY. Trudy has three great children and several grandchildren. She belongs to a support group in FL and is still exercising and dancing! ■ Our condolences to Dorothy Laux O'Brien '45 on the loss of her sister, **Jane Laux Brett Holt**, on August 1, 1998. Jane died as the result of a fall at her home in Bronxville, NY. Jane was honored at Middlebury last March, when she was a featured speaker on the campus. A prominent securities analyst on Wall Street, Jane was a trailblazer for women in a male-dominated field and was elected the first female president of the New York Society of Security Analysts in 1967. Other highlights of her career appear in a memoir elsewhere in this issue.

PHOTO CAPTION A June mini-reunion in Ridgefield, CT, brought together (front) **Gloria Antolini Keyser**, **Joanne Davis Hohmeister**, (standing) **Elmer Selnau**, **Lois Brigham Selnau**, **Roger Keyser**, **Phyllis Hewson Evans**, **Nancy Rathgeb Smith**, and **Sheldon Evans**. Frank Hohmeister took the photo.

1947

Class Secretaries: *Virginia Stowell James*, 373 Reeds Gap Rd., Northford, CT 06472; and *Philip Briggs*, 40947 N. 107th Pl., Scottsdale, AZ 85262.

Pat Harvey Oehler reports that the Po Valley trip she took in Italy was "the most fun bicycle tour I've ever done. We went on quiet roads through farm country, from one small town to the next, from Pavia to Cremona, crossing the Po River several times. All so scenic, so full of artistic creativity. Love Italy—would go back in a minute!" ■ **Lynn Bruhn**, now of Arlington, VT, reports another enjoyable gathering of VT classmates—some year-round, some summer residents—at the Three Stallions Inn in Randolph on July 25. Ten were able to attend this time: **Helen Swan Cawood**, **Shirley Ayres Tilden**, **Sue Carr Pauli**, **Betty Galloway Masterson**, **Jean Davis Battey**, **Natalie Simpson MacDonald**, **Ernestine Rolls Pepin**, **Peg Armstrong Igleheart**, **Alice Neef Perine**, and organizer and arranger **Lynn Bruhn**, who also invited this out-of-state resident (**Virginia Stowell James**) to visit and attend. Alas! Our family was flying up that very same day from FL to visit us in ME, so that wasn't possible. But a March 11, 1999, date is already set for the same place, and perhaps it can happen then. ■ Meanwhile, **Betty Galloway Masterson's** recent big achievement was serving as volunteer coordinator for the celebration of the Calvin Coolidge 75th inauguration anniversary, near Plymouth, VT. After the death of President Harding, Vice President Coolidge was sworn in as president in the same sort of emergency inauguration as the one for Johnson after the Kennedy assassination. Congratulations, Betty, for an important job well done! ■ **Everett and Dorothy Domina Willard** were recently featured in the *Newport Daily Express* for their outstanding work for VT agriculture. Dottie is still involved with music, as well. They keep busy in their retirement with gardening,

working with the Grange, and spending time with their grandchildren.

1948

Class Secretaries: *Daniel R. and Joan Tyler Gilbert* (medrg01@moravian.edu), 3660 Walt Whitman Ln., Bethlehem, PA 18017.

It has been a wonderful two months since our 50th Reunion and the phrases "wonderful weekend" and "bringing back old memories" are still coming to mind. I had a nice note and photos from **Nancy Cheesman Baetzhold** confirming these thoughts. We all owe our thanks to the team that organized that weekend! ■ Three weeks after attending our 50th Reunion in May, **Joseph B. L'Episcopo** writes: "I still have not gotten over the wonderful weekend. Seeing the classmates after all these years and reminiscing seemed to make the years fade away. All the hard workers who put this all together for us certainly must be congratulated and thanked." ■ **Cynthia Strout Fischer** has been elected secretary and board member of the newly formed United Nations Assoc. of Greater Philadelphia. She invites any Middlebury alums interested in joining to call 610-696-1324. ■ After 43 years in the same house, Karl '49 and **Juliet Carrington Reed** moved on June 25 into a cottage apartment at Crosslands, a life-care community, located next to Longwood Gardens and near the Brandywine Museum, home of the Wyeth family paintings. "Come see us at 232 Crosslands Dr., Kennett Square, PA 19348. ■ Dave '44 and **Irmy Nierhaus Stebbins** moved to a retirement village (212 Azalea Ln., West Grove, PA 19390) on July 31. Their son, **Andy Stebbins '82**, who married **Lisa Lee** on September 28, will be living in Perth, Australia, for the next few years. ■ **Adele Stemmler Taylor** organized and participated in a mini-triathlon (biking, hiking, swimming) to raise money for Flanders Nature Center in Woodbury, CT, to buy open space property. "All donations are welcome!" ■ **Sandy Rosenberg** presented a paper at the Mars Society convention in August. He wants to be a part of the effort to launch a manned mission to Mars in the year 2013. ■ Dan, the other half of this team, particularly enjoyed visiting with members of that illustrious class of 1946 who chose (with the help of Uncle Sam) to graduate in 1948. This year, Dan celebrated his 45th year of association with Moravian College, where he continues to work part time as college archivist in his so-called retirement. Class of '48ers, please send us your news to the above address, to Dan's e-mail, or to Dan's fax: 610-861-1577.

1949



REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Patricia Allen Guthrie*, P.O. Box 1804, Wolfeboro, NH 03894.

Planning for our 50th Reunion next May began with organizational meetings in July and August. Planners included **Dave Thompson**, **Lee Adkins**, **Spence Wright**, **Gordie Perine**, **Kyle Prescott**, **Barbie Knapp Bull**, **Rachel Adkins Platt**, and **Pat Allen Guthrie**. Be sure to mark your calendars with the dates: May 28-30, 1999. ■ **Frances Miner Turner** has been re-elected to a three-year term as water commissioner for the town of Egremont, MA, where a construction project began this fall to build a \$5-million filtration system, storage facility, and distribution system for the town's water users. ■ **Jack Barry** and wife **Lois** recently celebrated daughter **Kim's** 20 years with the Ashland Shakespeare Festival Theater. Jack is on the board of directors of the Hells Canyon Preservation Council. ■ **Jane Talmage Jones** has enjoyed living in HI for 30 years, ever since her husband's retirement from the army. The only drawback is that their children are now far away. Their daughter is a detective on the Rutland, VT, police force, specializing in domestic and child abuse. Their son is an army officer stationed in the Oakland, CA, area. They have five grandchildren. Jane spends her spare time volunteering and scuba diving. "I've been an Earthwatch volunteer, on scuba research expeditions; for the past five years, and also try to go on at least one dive trip to various South Pacific destinations every year." On a recent trip to VT to visit their daughter, she and her husband visited Middlebury: "I couldn't get over how lovely it is. It looked like a set for one of these old college campus musicals. I kept expecting a row of swinging, dancing, cheer leaders to appear." She says they "both seem to be in reasonably good health and hope to stay that way." Thanks for writing, Jane! ■ Thanks also to **Virginia Duffy McLoughlin** for her note. We hope she will be able to make it to our landmark 50th. ■ **Jeanne Hutchinson Johnson** and husband **Trygg** were in Sierra Vista, southeast of Tucson, for the month of February. "Of course El Niño joined us there for the coldest February in 26 years. But the sun was great!" They have been on five Elderhostels, most recently in the mountains of NM. Jeanne writes: "We have two step-grandchildren, whom we adore. Also a grand-retriever and a grand-Labrador that we can spoil." Jeanne hopes to renew old friendships at our 50th Reunion next year. She and husband Trygg are semi-



Savoring reunion camaraderie (see 1949 column)

retired now, working one day a week—Trygg as a quality engineer and Jeanne as a travel agent. ■ A memorial appears in the summer issue for **Alexander J. Smith**, who died March 25. We send the condolences of the class to his wife, Janet Rice Smith '48, and all the family. ■ Condolences also go to John T. Short on the death of his wife, **Norma Hansen Short**, on June 27. Her memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

PHOTO CAPTION While accompanying spouses to Reunion last May, several '49ers got together in anticipation of their 50th in May '99, including **Kyle Prescott**, June Yeakel Barnes '48, **Dave Thompson**, **Pat Allen Guthrie**, **Dick Johnson**, and **Karl Reed**.

1950

Class Secretaries: Ms. Barbara J. Parker (parkeb@jdt.net), 13 Burnham Pl., Fair Lawn, NJ 07410 (fax 201/475-1545—please call first); and Ms. Barbara Kraft Packer (fajpr@aol.com), 48 Sunset Dr., Summit, NJ 07901.

Keeping up with all of your busy activities is a challenge for your class secretaries. We love to hear from you with your latest news. So keep your calls, letters, and cards coming. Please note that Barbara Parker's e-mail address is parkeb@jdt.net, as some erroneous versions were circulating. ■ It's time to gear up for our 50th Reunion, and we're looking eagerly for volunteers. What would you like to do to make this an unforgettable blast? ■ **Bernard Friedlander** writes that Midd roommate **Sheldon Flory** is urging him to make the trip from his new digs in Seattle. Says Bernie: "Perhaps I will crank myself up for it." [We'll help—we'll draft them both!] Far from resting on his laurels as prof. emeritus in psychology, Univ. of Hartford, Bernie's move to Seattle propelled him into the position of visiting scholar in psychology at the Univ. of WA. Bernie has focused his research on the problems young people face as they make the difficult transition from "growing up" to "being a grownup" in our increasingly turbulent society. His writing is in-

formed and thought provoking and, perhaps, a call to action for those of us who survived the transition in what seemed to be simpler times. For copies of some of his addresses, contact him at bfzfl@aol.com. ■ Meanwhile, **Bernard Cohen** continues his work as a prof. of neurology at New York's Mt. Sinai Medical Center and head of the Center's dept. of neurology's research lab. His special focus now is studying how the brain controls eye movements during vertigo or the spatial orientation of humans and animals. He was in charge of the neurolab seeking the cause of the initial disorientation of astronauts aboard last April's space shuttle.

■ **Jeanne Thompson Cook** reports that she's working part time for a medical research firm, which leaves her time to enjoy friends and family and to be active in AAUW and Elderhostel. She's all set to come to our 50th! ■ Proud great-grandmother **Virginia Orrall Albert** enjoyed a family reunion in the spring that brought together three generations of Alberts. Virginia sends her e-mail address (alan8165@aol.com), but reassures us that she is not in the least computer literate. Her husband has a degree in computer science, and she's happy that it occupies him—and it does great things for her DAR Chapter. Her dearest granddaughter Leane, who has lived with her for eight years, is a senior at Radford with a 4.0 average. ■ Tom and **Janie Terpening Hanson** visited the Northwest recently and drove to Mt. St. Helens. They found that plant and animal life are slowly rejuvenating the area. ■ **Bill Carey** makes the great escape to a town house in Lubec, ME, where he and wife Jean enjoy hiking, bird watching, and admiring the crashing surf. Bill finally retired, after 25 years in government service and 20 more as a government consultant. Bill and Jean make the 18-hour drive from Leesburg, VA, where their children are nearby. ■ We're sorry to report that we've lost two more members of our class. **Alfred L. Allen** died May 15 at his home in Guilford, CT. His memorial appeared in the summer issue. **Patricia Bonfield** died June 27 in a PA retirement community, where she moved after a long and successful career as a business and marketing writer in NYC. Her memo-

rial appears elsewhere in this issue. We send heartfelt condolences to the survivors of these two outstanding classmates. ■ Upon learning of the death of Alfred Allen, **Dave Dale** sent the following message: "Al was a member of my fraternity, Alpha Sigma Psi. I remember him as a very kind, low-key person whom everyone liked. I was particularly impressed with him because he had a natural mechanical ability that I completely lacked, and still do. **Pete MacDonald** and I owned a 1929 Essex that was always breaking down. I can remember Al working on it to keep it going, but I don't ever recall him riding in it himself, unfortunately." Thanks for sending these memories, Dave. ■ **Richard Champlin** has kept himself busy since retiring as librarian of the Redwood Library in Newport. He has published two books and authored more than 70 articles on historical and natural subjects. His article "Stone Wall Art Spans the Ages" appeared in the *Narragansett Times* last March. ■ Journalist **Bard Lindeman**'s new book, *Be an Outrageous Older Man* (subtitled *Action Guide for Men 50 and Beyond*), is receiving enthusiastic reviews. An outgrowth of Bard's outrageous twice-weekly syndicated column for Tribune Media Services, "In Your Prime," the book was also inspired by *Be an Outrageous Older Woman*, by Ruth Harriet Jacobs, who urged Bard to write the male version. Bard's book is available via the Web at BeOutrageous.com, a Web page designed by Bard's son, Paul. For a signed copy, get in touch with outrageous Bard Lindeman (fax 770-414-8500). Or—if you can wait—he says he'll set up a sales booth outside the Chapel at our 50th Reunion, which we all hope will be mega-outrageous! ■ By the way, the two Barbaras (Parker and Packer) would appreciate receiving your fax numbers and e-mail addresses. It would make our job of keeping up with you much easier.

1951

Class Secretaries: **Meg Curry Gregg** (Mrs. Donald P.), 21 Mead Rd., Armonk, NY 10504; and **James D. Ross**, RD 2, Box 540, Middlebury, VT 05753.

Diana Carroll Tollner, who has been in Greensboro, NC, "forever" (33 years), was way ahead of most of us: she had a computer business for 17 years. Now she's a consultant in that field. She has four children. Di is a member of several business groups and is on the advisory committee for the community college. Gardening is a pastime. Last year, she saw **Mary Sellman McIntosh** at the Scarsdale High School reunion. Di is thankful she had a wonderful visit with **Jo Anne Faucher Miller** before she died last year. ■ Lots of news from **Jean Maintain Higgins**. She and **Ed** spent

a month in San Diego last winter. **Tom** and **Marilyn Mulholland** '49 **Jacobs** joined them for a week of golf in Palm Springs. In July, Linc '52 and **Marianne Folke Lincoln** stopped for a visit when they and their Kingwood, TX, neighbors were en route to Nova Scotia. The Lincolns love the Houston area in spite of summer temps. There was another happy mini-reunion when **Ted** and **Jane Hyde Christopher** were overnight guests at the Higgins' summer home in Rockport, MA. The Christophers came north from Atlanta for family visits at the Cape. In October, the Higgins' were traveling to Prague with daughter Susan and her husband and daughter to visit a Czech exchange student. Then Jean and Ed will go on to Austria, Germany, and England. Bon Voyage! ■ Other travelers are **Chuck** and **Anne Drysdale Connington**, who enjoyed the Midd winter cruise to the Caribbean. They're enthusiastic Elderhostelers as well, especially those held in AZ. (Quite a change from Greenfield, MA.) The Conningtons recently held a family reunion for their two children, four grandchildren, and for the five children and grandchildren of Anne's late sister and brother-in-law, Bill '50 and Peg Drysdale Price '49. ■ **Don Axinn**'s second novel, *The Ego Makers*, is a tale of the downfall and rebirth of a successful Long Island real estate developer. In real life, Don recently sold his Long Island real estate company. ■ Congratulations and best wishes to newlyweds **Everett P.** and **Lois Ann White Skillings**, who were married on May 8 at the Congregational Church in Middlebury. They can be reached at P.O. Box 695 in Middlebury (05753).

1952

Class Secretaries: **Carol Whitham Brewster**, Pond Rd., P.O. Box 296, Manchester, ME 04351; and **Charles A. Ratté**, c/o Michèle Ratté, P.O. Box 3027, Oak Bluffs, MA 02557.

It was good to hear from **Paul Faris**. Paul and I (Chuck) both started Midd on the cooperative plan with MIT. I thought aeronautical engineering was my bag, but Prof. Bruno Schmidt convinced me that geology was the profession best suited to my temperament. Paul wanted rocket science, but found the ministry was a stronger calling—especially after serving four years as a fighter pilot in World War II. Paul went on to theological school and spent 41 years serving missions in ID, CA, NV, and now in Tonto Basin, AZ. Paul and wife Geneva raised a family of four girls and two boys. They continue to keep active and healthy. ■ At 68, **Clay Butzer** still feels and acts like he's 21. He proved this by dancing at son Steve's wedding in May. However, baby-sitting son Randy's

children qualifies as a varsity sport, he has found. At his 50th high school reunion in Buffalo, NY, he celebrated with Spider Gibson '53 and **Rod Griffis**. Hope to see Clay and Barb at our 50th in 2002. ■ Living at "The Landings," just off the coast of Savannah, GA, **Dick Eddy** is a neighbor of **Dave Page**. As president of the Aries Corp., Dick commutes to CT, where he gets in a round of golf with **Al Mutti**. Dick plans to make our 50th. ■ **Gene Dix** moved to Sun City on Hilton Head last winter. Gene, **Ray Ablondi**, and I planned to get together for golf and dinner, but Gene broke a tooth and spent the day at the dentist. Ray and I played our annual match, and Ray (along with his "super golfer" wife Shirley) beat me badly. ■ **Pat Weymouth Lajeunesse** works part time at a local college in TX, where she has lived for 38 years (Dallas for 16 years; Houston for 22). Two children and four grandchildren live near her in Houston. Husband Dave died in 1993. In 1994, she went to China with a group from MIT. Last year, she traveled to England, Scotland, and Ireland: "Can't wait to go back." She invites classmates coming to Houston to give her a call. ■ **Jeanne Parker Cahill's** fourth grandson, Liam Richard Cahill, arrived on March 8. His parents are Edward (Jeanne's eldest son) and Liz Cahill. In May, Jeanne was at Duke when youngest son Timothy '91 received his master's in public policy. Jeanne sends best wishes to all classmates, as does **Barbara Chaney Ferguson**. Since Barbara's husband Ed retired, they find themselves busier than ever. Their favorite trips have been sailing in BVI and skiing in Austria, as well as camping in WI. They have four children. ■ John and **Carol Holmes Phillips** sent a postcard from Holland: "It's wonderful to be in a country where there are more bikes than cars." They took a cycling Elderhostel in the Netherlands. ■ **Mary Halsted Francoeur** writes: "Retirement is even better than I expected. Some of my favorite activities are gardening, bike riding, ice skating, playing with the computer, watching the ticker tape, and trying to figure out a get-rich-quick scheme, or hanging out with friends. I go to Chicago twice a week to museums, concerts, plays, the opera, the zoo, or to take classes. I've just completed a travel-writing class (fun). I also tried painting (pitiful). I have become an arbitrator for the Better Business Bureau (challenging). My trip to Peru in summer '97 was sensational: Cusco and Machu Picchu, and then an expedition to a remote region to see remnants of a civilization of Chachapoyan Indians that predates the Incas. The altitude was 12,000 feet, and the average age of the group was about 40. A 70-year-old man and I raised the average, but we made it and the feeling of accomplishment is indescribable. I returned home a bit thinner, very healthy and happy, and a bit more pensive. The pensiveness, gratitude for good health, and a certain real-

ization of impermanence led me to the decision to give my family their legacy in my lifetime. So this August, I will take my two daughters and three grandchildren (ages 8, 10, and 12) to the place that has had the greatest impact on me. The thought of being with them as they discover Africa (Kenya and Tanzania) has etched a permanent smile on my face."

■ Back in the '50s, **Carol Whitham Brewster** worked in ME camps for several summers. This summer she was back at it—this time as camp director at Camp Kirkwold, a Girl Scout camp in Readfield, ME, managing 50 resident campers and 100 day campers from June 28 to August 16. ■ **Sharon Locke MacCartney** takes a course every semester at Franklin Pierce College in NH, where she is the administrative assistant in the behavioral sciences div. Oldest son Jim is rivers coordinator for the state of NH. Son Doug and his wife Joanne live and work in Yellowstone National Park, where Sharon visited last summer. In NYC, youngest son Bill is a trader on the Japanese bond market. Sharon's daughter, Leslie, and husband Gordon, live in Pleasantville, NY, with children Sarah and Christopher and Leslie's father (Sharon's former husband). Sharon urges everyone to come to our 50th Reunion in 2002, noting, "Our outer shells will have changed a lot, but my experience at my 50th high school reunion showed me that the persons I remembered were still 'there,' but enhanced and more attractive to me than they had been when we were young. I don't quite know how to put it in words, but the mature selves were people I sincerely wished I had time to know well. Good people. People who had faced the inevitable knocks that life has dealt us all, and become richer, finer, more splendid. I felt a real sense of confirmation of my belief that life itself is a 'school' from which we will one day graduate to a larger life, and that we DO learn and grow in it. I always loved a little poster I used to have on my bulletin board that reads, "Under construction: please be patient—God isn't finished with me yet."

1953

Class Secretaries: **Ann Golding Davis** (sensei@valley.net), P.O. Box 3, The Ridge, Orford, NH 03777.

Jeanine Riviere Puydoyer wrote "to thank all those who signed that sweet card sent by Susan Taylor from Middlebury College Reunion. I was quite honored by your kindness and really wished I had been able to be there. I read all the reports with great interest. Our joy is the sweet Ecuadorian boy (age 4 1/2) our children have adopted. He is just as lively as can be." Good to hear from you, Jeanine—we missed you at reunion. ■ **Millard Davis** shares a professorial an-

ecdote about "hearing Prof. Tillinghast sing in Gaelic, I think, as we all sat on the roof of the cabin on Bread Loaf ski slope mountain one Saturday night." ■ **Laura Chapman Rico** recalls "Prof. Missler, who didn't like students going to sleep in physics class, stopping mid-lecture and crouching to table-top level to make eye contact with a dozing student. I heard that he would also toss an eraser full of chalk dust into the lap of a sleeping student." Laura also contributes the following trivia question: "Who originated the quip about dropping a pencil in Prof. Tillinghast's class and missing a century? It was already current when I was there and it has endured through the years, according to *Middlebury Magazine*." ■ **Marion Seymour** lives in a cohousing community in Santa Fe, NM, where she enjoys the mountains, hiking, and skiing. She enjoyed an interesting trip to South Africa in February. "That country has undergone amazing changes and is still struggling. Beautiful place to visit and we found excellent accommodations in the cities and 'in the bush.'"

1954



REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: **Mrs. Robert B. Nickerson** (*Nancy Whittemore*) (jvgn83a@prodigy.com), *Masons Island, 4 Osprey Ln., Mystic, CT 06355*; and **Mr. M. Richard Davenport**, *P.O. Box 365, High Falls, NY 12440*.

Retired from her job as children's librarian at the Darien (CT) library in 1994, **Anne Davis Carnahan** is "busier and happier than ever." She and Mike have added on to their 1720 colonial—"need more room when you're retired"—and have played host to various grown children "between apartments." They have taken some excellent trips with CT Audubon to TX, Tanzania, and Ecuador/Galapagos. Mike volunteers for Audubon; Anne volunteers at the historical society and serves on the RTM (Representative

Town Meeting). Anne enjoys birding, gardening, and rug hooking. One of her rugs was for daughter Sue, who was married at their cottage in Canada this July. Anne recently had a second hip replacement, due to rheumatoid arthritis damage, but she reports being as good as new and looking forward to a trip next year. ■ A memorial appeared in the summer issue for **Edgar A. Kniffin, Jr.**, who died on April 8. We send the condolences of the class to his family.

PHOTO CAPTION The April 18 marriage of **Dorothy Kimball Hart** and **Bob Rand** took place in Andover, MA, with many Midd friends attending: **Bob Delaney** '51, **Carol Holmes Phillips** '52, **Sally Green Risberg** '54, the bride, **Adrienne Littlewood Delaney** '57, the bridegroom, **Dave Stebbins** '44, **Caryl Entwistle Huffaker** '52, **Irmy Nierhaus Stebbins** '48, and **David Strachan** '55. Dot is the widow of **Charles Hart** '55 and **Bob** is the widower of **Nancy Thomsen Rand** '52. The newlyweds will live in Brandon, VT, with their second residence in Westford, MA.

1955

Class Secretaries: **Katherine Hughes von Hartz** (jvhartz@mindspring.com), 111 E. Second St., New York, NY 10009 (212/982-7932); and **Frank E. Punderson, Jr.**, RR 2, Box 535, Middlebury, VT 05753.

Best wishes and congratulations to **Emily Ernst Baxter** and **William C. Branscome**, who were married on October 4, 1997, in Staunton, VA. ■ **Wally Beevers** is still teaching at Weston (MA) High School, where he has taught since 1973. Now head of the English dept. at the middle and high schools, his students love him for his "off-the-wall" sense of humor and he loves the students for their ability to provide him with energy. The school principal says that Wally "has found the fountain of youth. He acts today like he must have 40 years ago. He cares and believes in the kids." Wally taught English in China for two years in the mid-'80s. He has also traveled in Japan, France, Italy,



Dorothy Kimball Hart '54 and Bob Rand (see 1954 column)

Germany, Spain, Scandinavia, England, and Ireland. At home he is busy restoring his circa 1740 house in Natick, MA. ■ **We** were very sorry to learn from **Charmian Lamble Cretney** that her husband, Warren, died in March of 1997. Charmian is living in Panama City, FL. She recently had a wonderful reunion with her two sons—Gil, who lives in Hayward, CA, and Matt, who lives in Steamboat, CO—and her three grandkids.

1956

Class Secretaries: *John Chase, 2000 Sage Canyon Rd., St. Helena, CA 94574; Joan MacKinnon Houghton (jmackho@aol.com) (fax 607-256-4103), 422 Taylor Pl., Ithaca, NY 14850; and Lee Goodrich Tiptman (etlgt@aol.com), 309 Cloverway Dr., Alexandria, VA 22314.*

On a fascinating tour of St. Petersburg, Russia, last spring, **Lynne Atherton** stayed at the Russian Orthodox Seminary (founded in 1710) and visited many of the reemerging area churches. Leaders of the tour were the Rev. Alan Gates '80 and his wife, Tricia Harvey '80, both fluent in Russian. Lynne reports that the Hermitage, with its magnificent chandeliers and eight rooms of impressionists paintings, was definitely a high point. Still evident, however, were the residual effects of the many years of fear—lack of eye contact, inability of a priest to obtain the names of his parishioners. Back in Chicago, Lynne is realizing the results of years of working with Heifer Project International. As the founder of the Chicago Office, Lynne feels "an indirect pride that HPI's first-ever inner-city projects are happening in Chicago." In an area usually known for drive-by shootings, Lynne recently visited earthworm, fish, and gardening projects at Cabrini Green and Robert Taylor Homes. ■ After 14 years as a school librarian and a bout with breast cancer, **Patricia Hunter Highley** has a whole new profession. After training at the Boulder (CO) School of Massage, Pat learned a special treatment for post-breast-cancer surgery patients. Called the Manual Lymph Drainage System, this method employs gentle massage, which helps to ameliorate the effects of surgery, radiation, etc. She has set up her practice in a cozy B&B at 23 West St. in Bristol, Vt. ■ **G. William Ellis** has stepped down as president of the Northfield Savings Bank in VT, although he will remain a member of the board of trustees. Bill and wife Carol will stay in Northfield where she chairs the Brown Public Library Board of Trustees. Bill hopes to de-

vote his time to many local organizations—and golf. ■ **Charlotte Duryea Brophy** loves working part time at her local library, which is within walking distance of her house, giving her some exercise en route. Char would love to see any '56ers in RI: "Beach is the best here," she says. ■ **Di Shulman** has had a successful run in an off-Broadway production of the Chekhov farce, *The Anniversary*. **Charlotte Alexander Uivary** and **Taffy Loveless Slatkin** were there to see Di. ■ **Sally Thomson Clark** has had an exhibit of her art work—recent abstracts—at the Mohawk Valley Center for the Arts in upstate NY. Sally uses acrylic, gouache, ink, and transparent watercolor in a layering technique to create depth. ■ **John Hoops** reports that "**Bob Vuillet**'s beautiful putt on the 18th hole won this year's Golf Classic and the little blue jug for Bob and **Mike Philbin** at the Columbia Country Club near Rhinebeck, NY." John says that he and **Karl Brautigam** may have to give up retirement to pay the prize money. **Sally Smith Vuillet**'s outstanding putting advice and banquet were the highlights of the day. ■ **Charlie Robinson** and **Judy Holmes Cowan** share a history that goes way back to elementary school. Heather Hamilton Robinson '57 reports that on the eve of June 14, 1998, Charlie called Judy at 7 P.M.—exactly 50 years to the hour that they graduated together from the Ludlow (VT) Elementary School. Keep the news coming everybody!

1957

Class Secretaries: *Polly Pitcher Gabriel (jerryg@crocker.com), 120 Huntington Rd., Hadley, MA 01035; and Heather Hamilton Robinson (crobinson@top.monad.net), P.O. Box 3141, Peterborough, NH 03458.*

An article by **Peter Decker** in the *Denver Post* (May 24, 1998) presents a good overview of the problems involved with preserving open space in the West. Having moved to CO in 1974 from NYC, Peter has come to understand that saving open space also means saving the stewards of the land—the ranchers. Newer residents to the area tend to inflate land values beyond the reach of real ranchers, but Peter reminds us that cities and farms are able to coexist in some areas of the U.S. and Europe (he cites Dusseldorf as one good example) and suggests that we use those areas as models. He also suggests that ranchers should not be saved because of their "way of life," but because they are engaged in a business and deserve a fair return on their labor and investment. Helping to make ranching a profitable enterprise is seen as a sensible way to help preserve open space. Peter's new book on the subject of land use, *Old*

Fences, New Neighbors, was published this September by the Univ. of AZ Press. Peter and wife Deedee have two Middlebury daughters: Karen Decker Cockburn '84 and Hilary Decker, who graduated last spring.

1958

Class Secretaries: *Stephanie Eaton, 243 Pleasant St., Littleton, NH 03561; Joseph E. Mohbat (75610.3476@compuserve.com), 551 Pacific St., Brooklyn, NY 11217; and Ann Parnie Ormsbee, 1699 Candelerio Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 04598.*

Ann Parnie Ormsbee offers some reunion ruminations: "Thanne longen folk to goon on pilgrimages." Why, I have been asked, do you want to go to a college reunion? I thought about this question before and after our 40th Reunion. A pilgrimage, some of us had joked. Perhaps pilgrimage could be a useful description of the choice I make to return to Middlebury every five years. We choose to sleep in dorms again on narrow beds, and to use communal bathrooms. We choose to eat good—but still institutional—food, cooked for a crowd. Why do I come? At our class banquet, someone said, "You shouldn't equate education with money." I think what we were given at Middlebury, what we worked for, what we were growing to be, was much more than tickets to job opportunities. We were growing roots of character, roots of potential. My pilgrimage, then, is to revisit the origins of some of my life choices, some of my intellectual beginnings. And I do this with people who shared those beginnings and choices. We also shared a carefree time of silly adventure, of energy enough to talk all night and still get up for an 8:00 class. I love revisiting those days in our conversations. At convocation, President McCardell encouraged us to remember the past with pleasure, even the past at its most bitter. We also do this together. As someone expressed it at the Gleasons' Sunday brunch, "I have had many cares." But there is more to this pilgrimage than sharing memories of our good times and our struggles. One should receive something to bring home, something of substance. Five years ago, President McCardell spoke to us of the future. "Nunc age," he said, quoting Henry Adams. "Take what you have been given and go. There is much to be done in the world, and you have received strong and enduring tools." I liked hearing this summons again. I need it, even 40 years after graduation. My Middlebury roots still have vigor, and sitting there in the chapel with all the reunion classes, old and young, my roots are stirred. Over the weekend, my friends listen also to my achievements and my hopes. In our meeting, root to branch, they affirm

who I was, who I am today, and what I may yet achieve or become. So I laughed and I cried. I rested in the peace of the VT hills. I retasted sticky buns and cottage cheese at the Dog Team. I listened to Middlebury authors. I swam in the lovely new pool. I made new connections with classmates I didn't know very well 40 years ago. I rode with friends down Route 7 in the twilight, listening to songs from the '50s. We sang along, "Che sera, sera"—more poignant at 62 than 22. So I stand a bit straighter as I head for home. As I fly across the country from New York to San Francisco, I realize I have "goon" on my pilgrimage. Medieval pilgrims often returned home with a relic from some saint. Not me. But Gamaliel Painter's cane travels above me in the overhead compartment. It reminds me of the best of a Middlebury reunion—fine companions, full of wit and wisdom. My thanks to all of you who came. We missed those of you who didn't come—perhaps we'll see you in 2003! ■ **Russ Christensen** is retired and living on a farm in Temple, ME, where he enjoys gardening, canoeing, hiking, mountain climbing, writing, entertaining grandchildren (three), bird watching, and watching the world. "I see lots of greed, a planet suffering from abuse by humans, and I wonder if I did the right thing by having children. Still agitating with Midd about the need for alternative analysis of our greed-driven society." ■ **William F. Geenty, Jr.**, writes that he and wife Norma have retired from their civilian occupations, as of April '97. Bill was working in private security and Norma worked for the State of HI. Bill had previously retired from his army career. Early in May, they moved to Puyallup, WA, where they now reside in retirement. ■ **Steffi Eaton** writes: "Thanks again for a fantastic 40th last spring! Dog Team was perfect." Steffi also sent news from her junior-year roommate, **Carolyn Skyllberg Peterson**, whose husband **Milt Peterson** retired from the Board of Trustees on May 9, after 15 years—five years as chair. The Board held a hilarious roast for Milt at Kirk Alumni Center, with dubbings by Pat Judah Palmer '57, Al Dragone '50, Frank Sesno '77, and President McCardell. Frank Sesno produced a "breaking news" tape in the form of a CNN newscast, featuring lots of scandal and shots of how Milt has "ruined" Middlebury. A segment of *Larry King Live* (taped earlier in Washington) reviewed Milt's many exploits and foibles. When the media show finally ended, everyone at the roast was "rolling in the aisles," as we can well imagine. Carolyn and Milt's Midd kids—Rick '84, Jon '86, Steven '88, and daughter-in-law Phoebe Twitchell Peterson '86—came up for the occasion. Carolyn sums it up: "A real fun night, at a place that means so much to all of us."

1959



REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Anthony Balaban* (Kay Shook), 615 Wallace Drive, Wayne, PA 19087; and *Dr. Byron H. Koh* (byron_koh@spfldcol.edu), 136 Lincoln Ave., Amherst, MA 01002.

Bob Hansen is self-employed in advertising and marketing consulting. Wife **Susan Chapman Hansen** retired from teaching English at Ridgewood (NJ) High School this June, after 28 years of service. They sold their home of four years on the Cape (in Chatham, MA) and moved in July into a brand new townhouse in Kings Way at Yarmouth Port, Cape Cod. Daughter Paula, who lives in Brookline, MA, is the associate manager of Reebok International's global sports marketing. Son Rob '90 is a senior analyst in Boston. ■ **Frank Nolde** was named an Outstanding Intermediate School Teacher for 1998 by the Optimist Club of Westfield, NJ, last May. A history teacher at Roosevelt Intermediate School since 1960, Frank is retiring this year. Frank and wife Carol Stephenson Nolde (M.A. English '64) have lived in Westfield for 38 years. They have two offspring, including Jonathan '91. ■ **Ed Fowler** and his wife vacationed in Boothbay Harbor, ME, this summer. Ed has one grandchild (2 1/2); his youngest child was married this spring. Ed works for a NJ firm, selling leases on equipment—from trucks to bulldozers—in a three-state area. ■ **John Hubbell** worked for CBS for 20 years, then left to work in real estate sales, development, and a consulting firm. For the last 10 years he has been in northern Dutchess County, NY, where he finds Millbrook similar to metropolitan NYC in the 1950s, a fine place to raise his family of two children (9 and 14). ■ The class of 1959 offers condolences to the family and friends of **Robert Calef**, who died on May 14. A memorial appeared in the summer issue. ■ In Carlisle, PA, **Phil Buzzell** has retired again. Last October he retired from managing a trucking firm; he retired earlier from 20 years in the U.S. Army field artillery as a lieutenant colonel. Phil golfs and spends time with his five grandchildren, from his three married daughters. ■ An ordained Episcopal priest for 31 years, **Paul Koumrian** has been a parish priest at Holy Trinity in Tiverton, RI, for seven years. He uses story telling—from the pulpit and with children. He also teaches philosophy part time at RI College. Paul officiated at the recent marriage of his son. Paul fondly remembers his group of close friends at Middlebury from Forest Hills, NY,

*Patricia Hunter Highley
has learned a special treatment
for post-breast-cancer
surgery patients*

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including **Barbara Burch Melhado**, **Millicent Fairhurst**, and **Andrew Montgomery**. He swims and walks the RI beaches with his golden retriever. ■ **Avery Tillinghast** retired at summer's end from a 20-year career in fundraising. He had his own consulting practice, specializing in nonprofit health care in northern New England. He also held a development position at Norwich Free Academy, an independent high school in CT. He has five grandchildren from two marriages, ranging in age from 1 1/2 to 15. As a member of the Middlebury Sailing Club, he sailed Tech dinghies on Lake Dunmore. Now he sails and races on CT lakes and Penobscot Bay, ME. He also stays in shape haying in the hot sun for the Appaloosas on a 30-acre farm in South Windham, CT. ■ **Jared Van Wagenen IV** has been a pastor for 36 years, 23 at a Reformed Church of America (known as the Dutch Reformed Church until 1869) in Schoharie, NY. His church has grown from 20 people in a small rural village to 400-500 today. He is also in charge of a three-county hospice and is a member of the board of visitors for the Capital District Psychiatric Center. He will retire soon to become a weekend preacher and part-time landscape gardener. He already has good equipment for the latter and has created gardens and three ornamental ponds on his four acres. Another interest is N gauge model railroading. His wife, a professional artist, paints his model scenery and buildings skillfully. She also teaches art. Jared, who has two children and two grandchildren, says he will wait until he is in his 70s to get in shape.

1960

Class Secretaries: *Jean Seeler*, 5076 Pinnacle Dr., Oldsmar, FL 34677; *Rich Wilkinson*, 992 Sherwood Forest Rd., Annapolis, MD 21401; and *Jan Fisher Barstad*, 2107 S. Ventura Dr., Tempe, AZ 85282.

Reuben Mark, chairman and CEO of Colgate-Palmolive Co., recently received the 1997 Edison Achievement Award for his accomplishments in restructuring the company. ■ **Paul W. Lewis**, VP of personal investments at

Chase, in Rochester, NY, has been named to the board of directors at Rochester School for the Deaf. ■ On a three-week trip last spring, **Lloyd Graybar** of Richmond, KY, enjoyed a little snorkeling on the Great Barrier Reef near Port Douglas, Australia. He rode the Shotover River Jet Boat at Queenstown, New Zealand, and relaxed on the beach on the Coral Coast of Fiji. ■ **Fletcher Manley** and an associate used digital photography to prepare for Harvard's Fogg Museum a catalog depicting the 200th anniversary of lithography. While living in Lancaster, NH, Fletcher spends three or four days a week in Boston involved in computer imaging. If he can figure out the marketing, he wants to produce some duotone black and white posters of New England. ■ **Don Chaffee**, of Grand Rapids, MI, ran the Boston Marathon in 1977 and planned to run it again 20 years later. He did qualify, due to his three-and-a-half-hour time in the 1996 Detroit Free Press Marathon. But surgery for prostate cancer nixed the 1997 race and Don set his sights on 1998. Staying with his senior-year roommate **Pieter Schiller** in Concord, MA, his goal was to finish fast enough to qualify for the 1999 race when he turns 60! ■ **Ron and Pat Watrouse Messer's** B&B in Starksboro, VT, is going full steam. Their youngest, Jessica, got married last summer. She attended the Middlebury Russian School and went to Moscow for a year of work and study with her husband. Daughter Sarah '88 has signed a book deal with Viking Press, based on an article in *Yankee Magazine* (Feb. '97) about growing up in their old house in Marshfield, MA. Daughter Kate is this year's president of the National Hemophilia Foundation, the first woman president in their 50-year history. ■ **George Koenig** continues teaching in the modern language dept. of SUNY-Oswego on the shores of Lake Ontario. He and Heike became grandparents for the first time last January, giving him one more signal that retirement is around the corner. In spite of all the aches and pains of arthritis, they still enjoy vacations in a tent, especially within earshot of some surf. ■ Since his quadruple bypass in the fall of '97, **Nancy Mumford Mulvey's** husband, Don, has made a great recovery, swimming and playing golf daily. Don is a poster boy for retirement, a busy volunteer for third grade, affordable

housing efforts, political campaigns, and their local U-U congregation. Nancy's golf game suffers from lack of attention. Just wait until she retires from her position as area director of mental retardation services in Greater Lowell, MA. They plan to stay in Andover, MA. ■ **Lynne Ewing Miller**, MD, is in her 10th year of being sort of a "country doctor" in Brewster, NY. Daughter Inness, who worked in the office for several years, decided to follow her mom and big sister into medicine and is now back in school, earning the science credits required for application to medical school. Big sister Saam has completed her third year at Albert Einstein (Lynne's med school) and is on track for a career in surgery. After working 12 years for Vassar's Museum, designing and installing exhibitions, **John Pindyck Miller** left the museum three years ago to concentrate full time on his sculpture. Following the exhibition of his work at Middlebury's museum, the large wall relief featured in that show was sold to PepsiCo to be the centerpiece of their world headquarters expansion in Purchase, NY. John also has a large outdoor sculpture on display in Norwalk, CT. ■ **Jim McCabe** didn't realize anyone knew that he lived in Sacramento, CA! He retired in '94, after 30 years in insurance claims and litigation—first with Travelers, then Firemans' Fund. Now he spends his time playing tennis, soccer, softball, biking, etc. Not into roller blades yet. His hobbies include stringing racquets and managing investments (retirement planning), including his own. ■ **Sherb Merrill** reported his "retirement" four years ago, but finds himself going into his office at Cigna most mornings, doing a lot of investment and estate planning. He plays golf most afternoons, when home in Virginia Beach, VA. Wife Susan's mom passed away and Sherb has moved his parents to VA from FL. They have lots of interaction with daughter Leigh and granddaughter Kayleigh in Seattle, and headed to Louisville, KY, in September for the wedding of son "Tres" (Sherb II). The "sandwich generation" has taken significant meaning for Sherb and Susan. They are looking forward to our 40th during the Middlebury Bicentennial. ■ **Debby Hodge** recently visited Betty and **John Gilwee** in OH, where she played disastrous golf, but had a wonderful time. Debby was planning to return to Mackinac Island in MI. ■ And I (**Jean Seeler**) have been on the move. This summer my wonderful beau Dave Gifford and I took a month to travel the American West. I thought the world ended at the Mississippi and you fell off! We stayed with **Judy Neese Woods** in Albuquerque, had a wonderful lunch overlooking the golf course with **Linda Sharp Cooper** and her husband, Dick Hevly. We spent two days in Yellowstone, with **Jean MacInnes** as personal guide, and slept in the loft of her 100-year-old log cabin in Bozeman, MT. **Lucie**

Frontini Boyle and I had lunch in Seattle, WA, and a great visit while walking around the Green Lake. Dave and I also stayed with Ron and **Jan Fisher Barstad** in Tempe, AZ, on our way home to FL. I now have a current zip code directory of the class. New England will be our destination next summer. We may call on you! Thanks to Judy, Linda, Jean, Lucie, and Jan for their hospitality—and to all for your news.

1961

Class Secretary: *Steve Crampton, RR 1, Box 127, Tarbox Rd., Jericho, VT 05465.*

Having successfully completed her oral examination for a Ph.D. in art history from the Univ. of MD, **Mary Jo Aagerstoun** is now selecting the topic for her dissertation. While pursuing her degree, Mary Jo has been a curator of various art museums in the Washington area and has taught art courses at the Univ. of MD. She's also on the board of Nomads (on the Web at www.nomadnet.org), working with art organizations on an international scale, and establishing artist exchange programs. Nomads is bringing artists from Northern Ireland to DC this fall for an exhibit of "cutting-edge art." Daughter Hillary (33) is running an artists' exchange program in the Czech Republic. Daughter Ainslie (35) and husband John live in Brooklyn, where he is a television producer for PBS, and she runs a catering business for new mothers. Their daughter is Saskie Binder-Tulanko (2). Daughter Meredith '90 is attending veterinarian school at UC Davis. Mary Jo is committed to attending our next reunion and would love to hear from classmates, particularly if you are visiting the DC area. ■ **Emanuel Synagogue** in West Hartford is honoring Rabbi **Gerald Zelman** and Heske, his partner in life, for 30 years in the Rabbinat (15 years in West Hartford) and the Zelmans' 25 years of marriage. ■ **Sophia Healy** visited with "Tib" Moody Rice '28, and had the most wonderful time talking about Sophia's mother, the late Mary Fletcher Healy '30, who lived in France with "Tib" when they were both 19. Later Prexy and Mrs. Moody joined them in London. ■ **Paul Frinsko** has been unanimously elected to the board of trustees of Gorham (ME) Savings Bank, which has branches throughout ME. A senior shareholder at the law firm of Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson, Paul has been a Gorham resident for 30 years. ■ After 20 years with Amdahl Corp., **Jane Werner Bonnesen** informs us that she is enjoying retirement in Grand Rapids, where she and husband Stan reside on a 17,000-acre lake attached to the Mississippi River. A beautiful house, pontoon boat, fishing boat, canoe, and two small kayaks, along with their love of com-

Linda Tanner Ardison's short story, "Photograph Afternoon," won the Best Fiction award from New Millennium Writings.

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pany, make their home an ideal spot for any classmate passing through the MN area. Jane is on the board of the North Central Second Harvest Food Bank and North Homes, a group that works with kids at risk. Her hobbies include knitting, sewing, and basket weaving. Upon retirement, Stan immediately became a consultant for a Spanish company, which gives them the opportunity to take many trips to Europe and the Far East. Jane is learning Spanish, as well as chipping the rust off the French and German she learned at Middlebury. Jane and Stan have six children between them, as well as 10 grandchildren! One of Jane's daughters works for a company that hosts a charity event called "Taste of the NFL," held the night before the Super Bowl in the host city to raise money for hunger relief. She has been to six Super Bowls and opines that last year's was the best by far. With her newfound flexibility and love of travel, I hope we can count on seeing Jane and Stan at our next reunion. ■ Received a call from **Colonel Carrick** seeking information on where to stay and what to see during his upcoming visit to Montreal. As part of the call, I learned that the Colonel and his wife, Chase (sister of Warren Wheaton '62), have moved across the street in Barrington, RI—the major difference being that their new home is on the water. Their kids are fine and daughter Ceci has just presented them with a grandchild. Who would have envisioned, having witnessed the Colonel hold court at Moose's Esso Station, that he would ever be a proud grandfather?

1962

Class Secretaries: *Ben (Jim) Rosin* (benrosin@aol.com), 475 Quaker Rd., Chappaqua, NY 10514; *Judy Bosworth Roëset*, 11909 Arch Hill Dr., Austin, TX 78750; and *Bonnie Boyd Russ*, 11 Ringbolt Rd., Hingham, MA 02043.

Linda Tanner Ardison's latest writing accolade is from *New Millennium Writings*, where her short story, "Photograph Afternoon," recently won their \$1,000 Best Fiction Award. Linda was a former Atlantic Monthly scholar at Bread Loaf and received a PA Council on the Arts fellowship grant in fiction to write a

novel. With physician husband Gary '61, Linda lives in York, PA, where she is a writing consultant at York College of PA. The Ardisons enjoy traveling to England's Cotswolds, where they stay in a manor house once visited by Elizabeth I—the last thing on earth, according to Linda, she would have imagined while struggling through Pardon Tillinghast's English history course. ■ Tracey Brown, daughter of the late **Ron Brown**, has published a memoir, *The Life and Times of Ron Brown*. She writes, "Accepting that it's OK for me to live a happy life without my father is a struggle." Tracey is a deputy district attorney in Los Angeles. ■ Congratulations to **John and Elizabeth Allen Hornbostel**, who acquired a new daughter-in-law on June 13, with the marriage of son John '84 and Paula Rand in Cold Spring Harbor, NY. ■ A memorial for **June Andrews White**, who died on May 8, appears elsewhere in this issue. The condolences of the class go out to all of her family. ■ **Judy Bosworth Roëset** writes: "In April I went to Concord, MA, to attend the wedding of Hilary Rose '92 and Steve Annino. Hilary is the daughter of one of my bridesmaids, Nina Roberts Rose, who received an M.A. from Middlebury French Language School in 1997. There were lots of lively Midd grads in attendance, and we had a super celebration—well worth the long trip from TX. In May I set off on another adventure: three weeks in Italy, the first in Florence staying with friends and doing the cultural bit, then two weeks walking in Tuscany with an English group called Holiday Fellowship. Perfect weather, good food, interesting international companions. A great trip!" ■ In L.A., **Lucy Beckley Cole** keeps very busy as executive director of Criminon, an all-volunteer organization, "dedicated to helping prison inmates and juvenile delinquents become productive and honest members of society." She is "always looking for more volunteers and more money." She is also involved in a writing campaign to persuade congress to abolish the IRS and replace the income tax with a national sales tax. Lucy has two daughters, who are involved with the Church of Scientology—one as a teacher and the other a student. Lucy's son (18) is an accomplished jazz musician, who has gone to NYC for a two-week jazz workshop and went to Japan this summer with the Monterey All

Stars Jazz Band. Sounds like a full and busy life, Lucy! ■ The Class of '62 still knows how to party. The CSF (Cow S— Festival) is still going strong and is well attended by the Class of '62. For those who do not know what the CSF is, a brief history. It began in '69 when **Pete Steinle** returned from Vietnam, and there was a get-together of Pete's Middlebury friends at his family's camp in VT. One of the early parties featured Ted Mooney '61 arriving in a tractor, towing a load of cow s— with his wife sitting on top of you know where, wearing a leopard skin bathing suit. Continuing every couple of years at various locations in VT, the festival starts on Friday night with guests arriving to camp out at the chosen location. It is highlighted by a party with a '50s/'60s dance band on Saturday night and ends after breakfast on Sunday. The 1998 CSF was held on August 8, with several generations of the Class of '62 in attendance. According to **John Sinclair** (unfortunately, this class secretary—**Jim Rosin**—could not make it), the attendees allegedly included **Jean Yeomans Lamson**, **Pete Steinle**, **Anne Thornton Bridges**, **Andy Ferrentino**, **Gil Owren**, **Tommy and Marren Ward Meehan**, **Jim Bernene**, **John Hornbostel** (I assume **Betty Allen Hornbostel** was there, as well) **Spence Jackson**, **Arnie Manthorne**, **Jerry Dworkin**, **Lew Parker**, **Bret Conn**, **Bonnie Boyd Russ** (She's a class secretary—why isn't she writing this? Perhaps because it's my turn.....), and maybe **Leslie Dearborn Cronin**. The weather back east was great and a good time was definitely had by all.

1963

Class Secretaries: *Janet Brevoort Allen* (janballen@aol.com), 2 Arizona Pl., Huntington Station, NY 11746; and *Christopher J. White* (cmbryst@aol.com), 15 W. Cavalier Rd., Scottsville, NY 14546.

Jerrold Brown, a prof. of classical languages, retired from Hartwick College in Oneonta, NY, this spring after 30 years. Promoted to full prof. in 1981, Jerrold taught languages, ancient history and literature, and led several trips to Greece. ■ For the past 10 years, the Vermont Folklife Center has been housed in the Gamaliel Painter Homestead house in Middlebury. Executive Director **Jane Choate Beck** has seen the collection growing in reputation and in size: "Our archives are filled to overflowing," she reported recently in a local newspaper report. Jane is pleased to announce that the center will soon be moving across Court Street to more spacious accommodations in the Middlebury Masonic Building, where they will have much more room for displays, including a recently acquired large decoy collection. Jane still enjoys interviewing Vermonters

and regularly speaks to groups of all ages, describing different aspects of Vermont's history and folklore. ■ Congratulations and best wishes to **Anna E. Panayotou** and Thomas Muller Rieger, who were married on May 9, 1998. Anna is practicing law with the law firm of Dechert Price and Rhoads in NYC, and the newlyweds live on Park Avenue.

1964



REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: **Barbara Bailey Hollister** (bbh@ulysses.homer.att.com), 1347 Stony Brook Ln., Mountainside, NJ 07092; and **Robert J. Baskin** (bob.baskin@mail.house.gov), 805 A St. SE, Washington, DC 20003.

Where is your news? Fill this space by writing or e-mailing us at the above addresses. Plans are underway even now for our big 35th Reunion, May 28-30, 1999, so be in touch and make your reservations to be in Middlebury!

1965

Class Secretaries: **Polly Moore Walters** (Mrs. Kenneth), 100 Grandview Ave., Fort Collins, CO 80521; and **Frederick W. Stetson** (fredstets@aol.com), 123 N. Union St., Burlington, VT 05401.

Norton Webber of Waterville, ME, has joined the staff of Oaks & Parkhurst Glass, covering the Farmington and Skowhegan regions. He was previously the owner-operator of You Know Whose Pub in downtown Waterville. He received the Governor's Small Business Waste Reduction Award in 1994. ■ **Norwich, VT, resident Pam Kenyon Force** didn't plan to be a teacher, but she changed her mind after volunteering at the Ray School (Hanover, NH) attended by her four sons. She attended the Upper Valley Teacher Training Program and got a master's from the Dartmouth M.A. in Liberal Studies program. Now teaching third and fourth grade at the Ray School, Pam recently became the second recipient of the annual Byrne Foundation Award for Outstanding Teaching. The Ray School principal commended Pam for doing her work "incredibly well, matching each child's ability to what needs to be done." Pam and husband Ken are discussing the possibility of spending the \$10,000 prize money on a pond for their property, for the future enjoyment of her sons and their children. ■ **Tim Hollander** is happy to report

that son Tucker '91 had the good sense to marry another Midd alum, Kirsten Shonstrom '93, on August 8. "As to be expected, the wedding in CO was swarming with Midd grads and Dekes." ■ **Jeff Alderman** (jdajda@banet.net or darkharbor@aol.com) writes via e-mail: "After 10 years as an editor at the Associated Press and 20 years as director of polling at ABC News, I am about to become a person of leisure. After I get the next election behind me, I plan to retire to Islesboro, ME. I am retiring a bit earlier than I would like, because of my health. I seem to have become the first kid on my block to have come down with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Actually, I have been dealing with the disease on and off (mostly off) since 1985, and got another recurrence this spring. The doctors have given me another remission, but it seemed to be a signal to get out there and smell the roses. ABC is offering me a consultancy, so I will still be around at election times and be able to keep my finger in for awhile. I'm rebuilding a small home on Islesboro (yes, it's an island in Penobscot Bay) and I hope to have it winterized by the end of next summer and move in semi-permanently. Not sure I will be able to tolerate the island all winter and may decide to spend winters elsewhere—perhaps Middlebury. Life goes on, despite the cancer, with the kids growing up way too fast. Daughter Liz graduated *cum laude* from Harvard last year; Merry is a sophomore at Wesleyan. Both have been very helpful in getting me through this latest bout with cancer. Anyhow, come visit me on Islesboro (mid-coast ME, near Camdem) if you're in the neighborhood. Looking forward to seeing all at our year 2000 Reunion." Thanks for writing, Jeff—and best of luck from all of us!

1966

Class Secretaries: **John Rehlen**, *The Manse*, P.O. Box 275, Castleton, VT 05735; and **Charlotte Stetson**, 10 South St., Middlebury, VT 05753.

Mart Matthews retired from Quaker Oats in Chicago in September 1997. Mart and wife Carol (Anderson) '68 have moved to Vail, CO. Daughter Kristi '94 remains in Chicago, where she works with dolphins, beluga whales, seals, and penguins at the Shedel Aquarium. Son Neil '96 owns Neil and Otto's Pizza Cellar in Middlebury, so Mart and Carol have more than one reason to come back to VT! ■ **Kristina Nilson Allen** has been reelected to her third term on the selectboard of the town of Westborough, MA. She's now serving as board chair, the chief elected officer of the town.

1967

Class Secretaries: **Susan Davis Patterson** (spattechs@pop.k12.vt.us), 67 Robinson Pkwy., Burlington, VT 05401; and **David E. Robinson** (wissco@juno.com), 31 Summer St., Nashua, NH 03060.

Carl and Marge Carran '69 **Shepardson** continue to canoe whenever they can. Last summer, they took a five-week trip from Hudson Bay to Ungava Bay in northern Quebec. In February, they took a week's trip down the Rio Grande. Marge is a reading specialist in Swanzey, NH, with children in grades K-3. Carl has his own computer business, which takes him around the U.S. and Canada serving customers. ■ **David Robinson** reports that one of the benefits of being self-employed is the ability to say yes when you are pulled out of a restaurant lunch to be an extra in a feature film. In June, **Craig Ehrich** spent two 14-hour days working within a few feet (and sometimes at the elbow) of Fay Dunaway, James Caan, and Markey Mark in *The Yards*, shot in NYC. Craig appears in the third row, on the aisle, across from Fay and James during a community board meeting, investigating a murder. Though in a black shirt, Craig is not the perp. Good thing wardrobe gave him a black shirt—it was just under 100 degrees in the Big Apple with little or no a/c. For those who think of doing this for a living, he warns you that the pay is \$75/day, \$54 net. Even SAGE members get only \$99/day, but they are eligible for penalty money if they don't get fed every six hours. They get a second day's pay if they go one minute over 14 hours in a day. ■ Congratulations to two classmates married this summer: **Margo Taussig Pinkerton** to Arnie Zam on July 25 and **Lee Powers Carlson** to W. Prentice Smith on August 15. We know Arnie from our 30th Reunion (especially the Shutterbugs) and look forward to welcoming Prentice into the class family at our 35th. ■ **Alex Taylor**, who reports the latest scoops on the automotive industry on public radio's "Business Report," also reports on Middlebury's tribute to our own **Dort Cameron**. On March 4, about 200 friends, classmates, and relatives of **Dort Cameron** gathered in the auditorium of the Time & Life building in NYC to pay him tribute for his years of service on the Board of Trustees and for all he has done for the college. The evening was organized by **Don Elliman** and **George Hinman**, along with Mike Schoenfeld '73 and Dick Werdiger '69. Dort was toasted and roasted by a number of speakers, including Don Elliman and Reed Harman '68. The highlights of the evening were Pres. John McCardell's

comments and the announcement that a trail at the Snow Bowl will be named after the Cameron family, including Dort's wife, **Betsy Connors Cameron**, and children Eliza, Miles '00, Seth '95, and Sarah '92. ■ **Sue Rugg Parmenter** (parmenters@aol.com) and husband Bill are spending this school year in East Corinth, VT, caring for elderly parents and trying out VT for retirement. **Tom and Susan Davis Patterson** were happy to host them at Lake Dunmore in August, along with some classmates in the area (**Karl Lindholm**, Wendy Lynch and **Gary Margolis**, **Dwight Dunning**, Barb and **Jim Adams**) for our 6th annual picnic. ■ The Pattersons were also pleased to have **Missy Brine Rogers** and son Josh stay with them in Burlington in early June. Josh is following **John's** footsteps at UVM medical school this fall. Many classmates have commented on their personal feelings of loss with John's death last December. Missy is getting on with a new job as a curator with the Virginia Historical Society. She would love to share your memories and feelings about John. ■ Beware of traveling class secretaries! **Misha and Dillon Jackson** renewed their invitation to **Tom and Susan Davis Patterson** to visit their houseboat on Lake Union in Seattle and go sailing with them in the San Juans. A spectacular time was had by all, from Tom's tour of Dillon's law-firm office in a Seattle skyscraper to watching Dillon navigate the weekly Buck Bobge sailing races to basking on the deck of the 45-foot *Argo* in the Straits of Juan De Fuca. Dillon, Misha, and puppy Maggie Mae love to show off their cozy, comfortable, gently undulating home, designed by Misha, with spectacular views of downtown Seattle, ocean vessels going to and from dry dock, and sea planes landing nearby, disgorging the young cyber-barons we all hope our children are becoming. ■ **Bill and Sue Schweickert Macy** sold their Lincoln, VT, ski house (where they hosted several class après-ski parties) just before severe flash flooding washed away major hunks of Lincoln in June. They still come up for their VT "fix," as Sue calls it, summer, fall, and winter. There are plenty of classmates to provide statewide B&B coverage, so plan your trip back to Middlebury soon and contact one of us. It will provide us reason enough for a class get-together.

PHOTO CAPTION When the Class of '67 women's hiking and biking group were exploring the Cape Cod Bike Path recently, they encountered a Midd sweatshirt and found themselves having a trailside mini-reunion with several friends from the Class of '60: (front) **Nancy Joep Delaney**, **Judy VanNostrand Sturgis**, **Livvy Barbour Tarleton**, **Laila Fangel Kain**, **Susan Davis Patterson**,



Middlebury on the Cape Cod Bike Path (see 1967 column)

Marion Boulton, (standing) **Helen Martin Whyte**, **Dave Hopkins**, **Susan Freier Geisenheimer**, **Susan Goodwin Hopkins** '60 peeking over **Margot Childs Cheel**, **Cathy Buck Leary**, **Susan Hibbert Lardner** '60, **Susan Yates Johnston** '60, **Gretchen Aut Reilly** '60, and **Breck Lardner** '60.

1968

Class Secretaries: **Bentley Gregg** (gregg.bentley@epamail.epa.gov), 418 East St. NE, Vienna, VA 22180; **Nancy Brooks Richardson** (dr44@aol.com), 6 Cameron Rd., Wayland, MA 01778; and **David Weinstein**, P.O. Box 414, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.

A National Shearer's Certificate has been awarded to **Arthur Coolidge** (coolidge@mail.cdsnet.net) for completing a National Shearing School program. This means Art "is proficient in the practical and technical skills of machine shearing and can shear unassisted to a quality standard." This also means that in addition to my own flock of Suffolk ewes and their lambs, I'll probably be shearing a few sheep belonging to friends and neighbors who lack the numbers to justify hiring our local professional shearer." The professional shears for a living; Art "will shear for home made pie and ice cream." He calls it "shear delight!" Art and son Trevor (15) recently set records "in our digitally-reversed age categories 15 and 51" in a 10K running race and, the next day, got a pair of second places in a 30K mountain bike race. ■ For news of Mart '66 and **Carol Anderson Matthews**, turn to the 1966 column. ■ **Asheleigh E. Moorhouse** (panders@aw.sgi.com) has retired from working at the Bank of Montreal, and is working as a playwright. With an MFA from York Univ. in Toronto (1984), he was a founding member of Theatre Passe Muraille in Toronto. Asheleigh has one son from his first marriage and was remarried in 1991 to Patricia Anderson. They live in Toronto. ■ In 1993, **David Ruberg** became president and CEO of Intermedia

Communication, Inc., an independent telephone company based in Tampa, FL. Five years later, Intermedia is the fastest-growing company of its kind in the nation. Wall Street analysts predict the company's revenues will break \$750 million by the end of 1998, and they credit David for his foresight in making Intermedia a data service company. David and wife Sandra are Tampa residents. ■ **David** '69 (ddodge1@hkstar.com) and **Magna Leffler Dodge** are moving to Hong Kong! News of their move and how to contact them will be found in the 1969 column.

1969



REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: **Juliane Wallace**, 142 Central Ave., Montclair, NJ 07042; and **William H. Hearne** (whearne@kodak.com), 324 Ayrault Rd., Fairport, NY 14450.

After 10 years in MA as the Associate Conference Minister for Stewardship of the MA Conference, United Church of Christ, **Steve Gray** was elected on June 6 to be the Conference Minister of the Indiana-Kentucky Conference, United Church of Christ. "In that capacity, I will serve as the spiritual leader and chief executive office of a conference consisting of 192 churches and approximately 48,000 people. I begin on September 1, 1998. I will be based in Indianapolis at Indiana-Kentucky Conference, UCC, 1100 W. 42nd St., Indianapolis, IN 46208 (e-mail: ikcucc@aol.org). ■ For news of Carl '67 and **Marge Carran Shepardson**, turn to the 1967 column. ■ After 25 years away from VT, **Peter Reynolds** returned as a school administrator. Now he is taking over the principalship of Fayston's elementary school, where most of the staff members have resigned due to budget, wage, and staffing cuts resulting from Act 60 (which has benefited some school dis-

tricts while leaving others with large cuts). Before moving back to VT, Peter was in the military, worked for Outward Bound, taught school in Europe, taught in MT, and was a school principal in Newport, NH. Peter and wife Alison have three children and live in Bristol, VT. ■ Since his appointment as a U.S. District Court judge in August 1995, **Bill Sessions** has published over 80 decisions, covering a multitude of issues. His cases have involved insurance companies, Chrysler Corp., IBM, Ben and Jerry's ice cream, the State of VT, garbage collectors, and the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. He has a reputation for treating all with respect and fairness. His decisions, which become part of the permanent record of the federal judiciary, supersede those of any state court. This is a life appointment. He also takes his turn as acting judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals, the second highest court in the country. Bill was previously involved for many years running the Addison County Youth Services Center, worked in legal aid, and had a successful trial practice, consisting primarily of criminal defense work. Bill and wife Abigail Proctor Sessions '70 live south of Middlebury in Cornwall. Eldest daughter Hannah is a junior at Bates; daughter Myra graduated from high school in June; son Jonathan is a high school freshman. ■ Good news arrived by e-mail from **David** (ddodge1@hkstar.com) and **Magna Leffler** '68 **Dodge**: "As you are aware, we have not been prolific contributors to these pages. In fact this may be a first! However, we thought enough changes have taken (or will be taking) place in our lives that it was time to submit an update. On March 22, David left for Hong Kong to take on a three-to-five-year assignment for Citibank, aka Citigroup. Magna, who works for Lehman, will move in October. We sold our house in Bronxville and purchased a small apartment in the same area as a home base. Permanent address in Hong Kong is now: Queen's Garden, Flat 2103, Tower B, 9 Old Peak Rd., Hong Kong (phone 852-2537-6756). What possessed us? Well, sometimes we wonder—after packing off 21 years of stuff from the same house in the move. However, we look forward to a wonderful few years in Asia. Needless to say, if any of you find yourselves in Hong Kong, feel free to call. If you can't recall the above, call Citibank or Lehman Bros. and they'll track one of us down."

1970

Class Secretary: **Andy Wentink** (andy@bccl.org), 232 Fycke Ln., Teaneck, NJ 07666.

The office of the VP for Academic Affairs at Ferris State Univ. has awarded **Douglas Haneline** a 1998 Academic

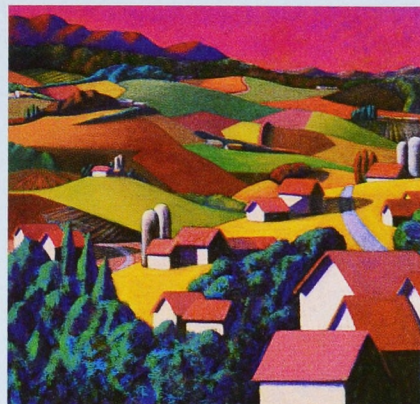
Award for Excellence. His nomination noted that Doug's "service to the university and subsequently to our students has been outstanding during several difficult situations facing his department and the institution." Doug, a prof. of languages and literature at Ferris State, recently served as chair of the Academic Program Review Council. ■ **Woody Jackson** exhibited his famous cow paintings at the North Country Art Gallery in Canton, NY, during the summer. ■ By winning his party's primary in June, **James Patterson** won reelection as judge of probate in Ellsworth Falls, ME—because the opposition failed to field a candidate in the race. He has served as judge for the past 19 years. He also has a private practice in Ellsworth. ■ **Larry Shipp**, a lifelong resident of central NY, has been reelected to the school board of the Cazenovia Central School District. Larry and wife Leslie, with daughters Bradley, Caitlin, and Alison, have been residents of Cazenovia for 13 years. Youngest daughter Alison recently graduated from Cazenovia Central. Larry is the associate managing partner of New England Financial's office in Syracuse. He has also served on the boards of Cazenovia Youth Soccer and the Cazenovia Ski Club. ■ **Mike** and **Kathleen Page** '72 **Willis** are still reveling in the memories of Emory Fanning's retirement and the phenomenal performance of the Brahms' *Requiem*—"the best reunion ever!" Their oldest daughter is a vocal performance major at Vanderbilt Univ., following in her parents' musical footsteps. "Here's hoping there's a choir reunion in 2000!" ■ **Nancy Trease** (ntrease@aol.com) writes: "An improvement in my health sent me back to the old reunion book looking for e-mail addresses and there you [Andy] were—not only on-line but on AOL! I hope everyone knows that non-AOL subscribers can download Instant Messenger for free just now at <http://www.aol.com>. AOL subscribers are notified if somebody on our buddy list comes on-line while we're on, and you can 'talk' real time. What Instant Messenger does is notify non-AOL subscribers in the same fashion. I'd love to see more of the class use this feature. I was even thinking maybe our class could try to prearrange a time—Sunday afternoons at 4:00, for instance—to 'talk' (post). And/or, how about a Web site or posting site? I'll be spending a lot of time at home this fall and could volunteer to work on something if you thought it was a good idea." [Readers are also reminded to sign up at alumni directory: <http://www.digitalfrontier.com/middalum/index.html>] ■ **Geoff Weiss** (mihniomen@worldnet.att.net) e-mails: "Since the class notes for 1970 were looking thin, I thought I'd add my bit. I've just been appointed chief of the medicine service at the South TX Veterans Health Care System in San Antonio. I'm still a prof. of medicine at the Univ. of TX Health

CLASS ACT

Priceless Paintings

CYNTHIA PRICE '72 poses for the newspaper photographer before her yellow Victorian house in Bristol, Vermont. She is something of a local celebrity—as much as painters can be celebrities in tiny Vermont villages. Behind her, the skeletons of sunflowers, left no doubt to feed the birds, stand akimbo by the picket fence. She's smiling and happy—a woman who works every day at what she loves and has found a way to bring her world into tranquil balance.

Price moved into town two years ago, taking herself out of art-intensive isolation in the Green Mountains and into the community, where she creates worlds on canvas, worlds that also seem in tranquil balance. Her landscapes are pastoral—gentle, rolling hills, meandering roads that flow past farm houses and perfectly plowed fields. They are unpeopled, and seem much like the roadside views one would glimpse while traveling by train. They set one wondering: where is this place? What would it be like to live there?



When Price creates a scene, it is pure invention, based upon her imagination and travels, but it will surely be harmonious, because she creates “places where I want to be,” she explains. “I create a comfort zone. That’s the way I deal with the junk [in life].”

Price paintings have been displayed in galleries all across the country and she has a faithful following of patrons who are happy to purchase them at hefty fees, sometimes in the thousands. When she is not creating new landscapes, she teaches art at the Adult Degree Program at Norwich University.

Not bad for a woman who majored in religion and took no art classes in college. ■

Science Center at San Antonio, where I've been on the faculty since 1982. I'm also associate director for clinical research at the San Antonio Cancer Institute. If you can believe it, my daughter Claire is a senior in high school and is looking hard at eastern schools. Her top choice is Swarthmore, second choice is Williams. Son Mark is 13 and he has a variety of interests, so long as they all start with Nintendo. Martha is fine, is heavily involved in the volunteer circuit, yet thankfully has a part-time job. ■ **Kelley Hunter** (ag240@virgin.usvi.net) also e-mails Andy: “Surprise! Now that I am on e-mail again, I thought I would write. I have lived in St. John, Virgin Islands, for about two and a half years now. I continue to do my astrology consultation and writing. I have just returned from an international astrology congress in Atlanta, where I used my drama degree to help with entertainment. I was one of nine ‘goddesses dressed in southern belle gowns. I have had articles published in journals in Australia, Britain, Germany, and the U.S. I am working on a book about the dark goddess in a blend of astrology, astronomy, and myth. The sky is so clear here I have been learning more and more astronomy, and now lead star gazing evenings at several island resorts. It's great fun to tell ‘stories in the stars’ from many cultures. Another St. Johnian is **Bill Jerome** and his sister, Jenny, who run a law office here. Also, on one of my star walks, I met Teddy Politis '69, whose parents live here. It was so amazing to see her after all these years. St. John seems to have a connection to Middlebury. The first time I visited this island three years ago, I was staying at Cinnamon Bay campground where a friend was going to join me. Going to dinner by myself, I sat with another woman who was there alone. We looked familiar to each other, and when we realized we were both from VT and were both working in higher education, we tried to figure out where we met. A woman at the next table overheard us talking about VT and said that she had graduated from Middlebury. ‘So did I!’ I replied, in unison with my table mate! We were all from different classes, and I, unfortunately, don't remember their names. Another woman at the next table had taught at the Language Schools one summer, and on my way back to my tent, I passed the telephone area and saw a man in a Middlebury T-shirt. I tell you! That Middlebury connection!”

1971

Class Secretaries: **Dr. Susan R. Thornton** (thornton@spectra.net), 22 Vincent St., Binghamton, NY 13905; and **Mr. Barton M. Hall** (barth@ncatfyu.uark.edu), P.O. Box 182, Blue Mounds, WI 53517.

Dick Gasink sends greetings and a few comments: “Along with same wife (Vir-

ginia, since 1973) and same company (Motorola, since 1982) and same kids—Lila (16) and Griffin (13), I can now add the curious distinction of being on the board of a NYSE listed company. TRICOM, a phone company in the Dominican Republic (TDR, NYSE), may be among the smallest phone companies on the NYSE and it may also be down 30 percent from its IPO price—but I still enjoy being associated with it.”

■ **Gail Cross Giebink** says son Chris, a senior in high school, is looking at colleges but will probably choose a large university setting over Middlebury. Son Marcelo is a sophomore in high school. “Life has revolved around work at the Univ. of TX in Austin, kids, school, and soccer practice,” Gail says. Nephew Eric Anderson '98, son of Patty Cross Anderson '69, graduated from Middlebury last spring and visited Gail and husband Doug Ratcliff on his way to a VISTA assignment in CO this summer. ■ **Lisa Marler Nelson** reports from Stowe, VT, that she has begun a behavior consultation practice for animals with behavior problems. For example, she deals with aggression problems in dogs. She is fasci-

nated by this new aspect of her veterinary practice, with behavior medicine, and the human animal bond. In addition, she has adopted a mule, which she rescued from the slaughterhouse, adding him to her collection of 18 animals, including two dogs, two cats, and three donkeys. A colony of four rabbits and six guinea pigs lives in the barn, under the direction of Bullwinkle, the white rabbit. You might remember that Lisa was one of the co-founders of the Addison County Humane Society back during our college days.

1972

Class Secretaries: **Jennifer Hamlin Church** (jhchurch@sienahs.edu), 11151 Summerfield Rd., Petersburg, MI 49270; and **Judy Wingham** (bjsmith@netcom.ca), 417 Guildwood Pkwy., West Hill, Ontario M1E 1R3, Canada.

Kathy Mulligan Lord, **Carlie Butcher Garonzik**, **Linda Reeves Pettit**, **Mary Kate Sullivan Cox**, **Becky Patterson**

Bruns, and **Lindy Frew Brownell** got together in NYC last December for a “women's weekend” reunion. Kathy reports: “It consisted of lots of talking and laughing, long lunch in the city, Diebenkorn at the Whitney Museum, masseuse and masseur at the Lords' residence, and just an incredibly wonderful, comfortable weekend topped off by a brilliant e-mailed letter of virtual ‘gifts’ from **Sarah Pratt Nesbitt** that had us in tears and hysterics.” ■ We also hear via the Kathy Lord grapevine that Lou and **Nancy Morgan Serpa** and three kids are readying for a move to Nigeria via the State Department, where Nancy has a three-year posting at the Embassy. We await official correspondence from you, Nancy! ■ VT State Treasurer **Jim Douglas** has been credited by Gov. Howard Dean with bringing down the debt. ■ Mike '70 and **Kathleen Page Willis** are “hoping there's a choir reunion in 2000!” For more news, check the 1970 column. ■ **Penny McIlwaine** and **Chris Somple** '75 report that twin daughters Summer and Kai Somple graduated from Harbor High in Santa Cruz, CA, last June. Penny



Mini-reunion in Alaska (see 1975 column)

writes: "They lettered in four sports (women's water polo, swimming, diving, and track), while maintaining 4.0 grades. They are both lifeguards for the summer before heading to UC Davis in the fall. I'm so proud. It's a major passage in my life as well, so I'm headed to Japan in September as part of a Taiko drumming group." ■ **Kendall Downs** recently joined the editorial staff at the *Daily Post-Athenian* in Athens, TN. In 1990, he was the recipient of the Sutherland Award given by the Akron, OH, chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists for his work as a reporter, columnist, and assistant editor at the *Record-Courier* in Ravenna, OH. Before turning to journalism, he was a history teacher for 15 years. ■ As I (**Jennifer Hamlin Church**) write these notes in MI, while readying our youngest daughter to begin her freshman year at Adrian College, I'm astounded to consider that it's been a full 30 years since we were all engaged in the same collegiate preparations. Now, three decades later, the incoming Class of 2002 at Middlebury will include several of our offspring. Expected among the new Midd first-years are Chip Franklin (son of Churchill '71 and **Jan Halstead Franklin**), Tim Brownell (son of **Rick and Lindy Frew Brownell**), and Christopher Lord (son of Ed '71 and **Kathy Mulligan Lord**). ■ We've talked periodically about an informal 27th reunion during Alumni College '99, i.e. Bread Loaf over Labor Day next fall. Anyone interested? Send a note or e-mail and let us know if we should pursue this idea. ■ A sad note in closing: Our condolences go to **Cynthia Bear**, whose husband Don Green died in May from complications of a bone marrow transplant.

1973

Class Secretaries: **Robert L. Badger** (badgerl@potsdam.edu), 16 Grant St., Potsdam, NY 13676, and **H. Kit Fuller** (kitfuller@usgs.gov), 4600 Cloud Ct., Boulder, CO 80301.

Now that our 25th Reunion has faded into history, your loyal class secretaries have noticed that their term of service has expired. E-mail is making

this job ever so much more enjoyable and we would like to share the fun with any interested classmates. Be sure to add your e-mail address to the new alumni directory: <http://www.digitalfrontier.com/middalum/index.html> and be in touch with one of us or alumni editor Doty McCarty at the College (mddmag@middlebury.edu) to learn more about the secretarial opportunity. In the meantime, keep that news coming!

1974



REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: **Greg Dennis** (gregdennis@aol.com), 1053 Hermes Ave., Encinitas, CA 92024; and **Barry Schultz King** (kinglet@together.net), P.O. Box 77, Ripton, VT 05766.

Janie Harris, who lived in DC for years, now lives in Jamestown, RI, where she is enjoying the perks. She reports, for example, that she can stroll down the hill from her house to the ferry landing and catch the boat across Narragansett Bay to the Newport Folk Festival. "It was tough giving up the Beltway, but I am adjusting to the two-mile commute to work—over the Newport Bridge." Now a corporate VP, Janie has worked in support of the Science Applications International Corp.'s (SAIC) sustainable growth and pollution prevention programs since 1981. She's now working on enterprise development in low income areas, focusing on recovered-content-based manufacturing, like helping to launch businesses that fabricate furniture from pallet wood. By forming partnerships with economic development corporations and recycling cooperatives, as well as industrial designers from RI School of Design, she is finding ways to link environmental objectives to economic and social ones. With James Grant, assistant prof. of music at Middlebury, 1988-

1992, Janie also founded the non-profit Institute for the Environment through the Arts, which promotes environmental awareness through artistic expression. The Institute sponsored the recent performance and recording of Dr. Grant's choral symphony, *Listen to the Earth*, which Janie describes as "a profound and reverent call for environmental reflection and pause... a dynamic, motivating, and inspired celebration of the planet... an exhilarating musical triumph." You can request a tape of the symphony from Janie via e-mail (jharris@mtg.saic.com). ■

Martha Lhamon has moved from Philadelphia, where she has been practicing trusts and estates law for 10 years. Her husband has accepted a faculty position in the philosophy department at the Univ. of IL at Champaign, Urbana. ■ **James E. Close** (jeclose@gw.dec.state.ny.us) is entering his 15th year with the NY State Dept. of Environmental Conservation in Albany, where he is an environmental program specialist in the division of air resources. "Have refused to chase little white balls around a field, choosing instead to climb the 100 highest peaks in the Adirondacks, 'because they're there.'" ■ **Jeff Goldes**, aka Coconut, who attended Middlebury for a year in the early '70s, sent a note after seeing **Russ Frisbie**'s picture in the spring '98 issue of *Middlebury Magazine*. Jeff joined Russ and two others from our class on an overnight trip to the Midwest. At a rest stop outside of Montreal, Russ, being in need of exercise, jumped onto the back of the car, ran over the top of it and down the hood! Jeff's comment: "I had never seen anybody take this type of exercise before and I wonder if Russ still enjoys this extreme sport of car running." ■ **Sybil Brigham McShane** has been appointed VT's state librarian. Sybil, who lives in Montpelier with husband Michael and son Matthew (10), has been a key player in VT's efforts to use computer technology for gaining access to information and services. According to a top state official, Sybil "has worked extremely hard to expand and improve our statewide library computer network so that Vermonters in rural areas have the same access to library services as those who live in more urban areas." Sybil and Gov. Howard Dean recently visited Lincoln, VT, where the library was destroyed in the June flood. In exchange for a donation of \$3,000 from a fund of the VT Dept. of Libraries, Sybil and Gov. Dean were given keys to the library, as well as flood survivor T-shirts and life vests.

1975

Class Secretaries: **Becca Gustafson Brown** (bbrown@casys.com), 1 Roseland Rd., Worcester, MA 01609, and **Tony MacDonald** (macemmet@aol.com), 150 12th St., NE, Washington, DC 20002.

Susan Wieber Nourse, who teaches biology and oceanography, was one of 50 teachers to receive a 1998 Toyota TAPESTRY Grant. Her idea of creating and submerging five artificial reefs earned her a \$9,200 grant to fund the project. The underwater reefs will be monitored for macro invertebrate and vertebrate populations and the data gathered will be analyzed and interpreted. Sue is back teaching at Tabor Academy after completing a year of study and curriculum development as a Wright Fellow through Tufts Univ.

PHOTO CAPTION Recently, sisters **Chris Tower Zafren** and **Alice Tower Knapp** '81 had a mini-reunion in Anchorage, Alaska, with their Middlebury master teachers from Mary Hogan who were touring Alaska with their husbands. Sue Lockwood Lewis '58 mentored Chris, and Ann McGinley Ross '53 worked with Alice. Sue and Ann are both now retired. Husbands Jim Ross '51 and John Lewis '58 rounded out the Middlebury representation. "We had a great time reminiscing," Chris and Alice are still working in education for the Anchorage School District, Chris as a school psychologist and Alice as an elementary librarian. Future Middlebury matriculant, Rachel Zafren (2) is in Chris's arms.

1976

Class Secretaries: **Marion Adler** (madler@lhlj.com), 530 N. Linden, Oak Park, IL 60302; **Jennifer Cogswell** (jenCogsAt6@aol.com), 6 Overlook Rd., Waltham, MA 02154; and **John M. Henderson**, 131 Martin Rd., Concord, MA 01742.

Polly Kawalek was named VP and president of hot cereals for Quaker Oats Co. in March. Polly points out that "El Niño was not our friend," because a warmer winter meant fewer people reached for the oatmeal. But she looks for better things this winter with the introduction of Dinosaur Egg Instant Oatmeal—"so good you'll make every bowl extinct." Polly explains that the "eggs" take time to melt, the dinosaurs emerge, "and you have all the fun of digging them out and finishing it up." Breakfast will never be the same! ■ **Jane Elfers Muther** and husband Herbert are in the midst of building a house in

Natick, MA. In the meantime, they have been living in Wellesley. ■ **Lucy Call King** writes: "Eighteen years ago, when we [Lucy and husband Roger '75] moved to Dallas, I served as the Midd alumni admissions person for the Dallas area. I visited the Hockaday School to try to recruit young women to apply to Middlebury. In the fall of 1998, our daughter Amanda, will enter the Hockaday School. Maybe someday she'll reverse our trip from VT to TX."

1977

Class Secretaries: *Virginia L. Jones* (giniajo@aol.com), 250 County St., Taunton, MA 02780; and *Katie Lange Dolan* (katie-dolan@msn.com), 4 Beach Ave., Larchmont, NY 10538.

Wellesley, MA, resident **M.J. Tuohy** was recently elected a member of the Town Meeting, with influence over local community and benefits. ■ **Jessie Levine** made a career change to the psychology/human services field. She's busy supporting Planned Parenthood, sexuality education, and AIDS prevention. ■ **Kathy Sanderson** has discovered that playing a hammered dulcimer with a small group is a very relaxing and revitalizing pastime. ■ **Alex Bernstein** sent along a faded Middlebury Student Guide for fall 1976. She asks, "Wouldn't it be nice if there were similar guides to jobs? Out of 35 [respondents to a survey], only 17 thought the boss was a worthwhile person who didn't waste their time."

■ **Jim Glazebrook** escaped from 500,000 acres of FL burning around him to visit family in New England. ■ **Ed Young** is assistant headmaster of Governor Dummer Academy, where Bill Quigley '78 is the new academic dean. Ed has returned to singing as first tenor with Cantemus, a small group with recent concerts in Newburyport, Hamilton, and Ipswich, MA. ■ **Elise Long** is making plans for the 20th anniversary season of her Spoke the Hub ReCreation Center and "an arts block party to remember." She envisions Spoke the Hub "continuing to provide tiny escape holes for butterflies, way stations for the senses, and exploratoriums for the bodies and souls for a rest stop." Elise is "intent on nurturing and protecting health—environmental, social, mental, physical, spiritual—through hands-on creative arts study, practice, and contemplation opportunities for all people of all ages." ■ **Peter Guest** (who received a Ph.D. in meteorology when we weren't paying attention) studies polar meteorology with an emphasis on air-sea-ice interactions, most recently in the Arctic Ocean. For more information, check

CLASS ACT

Sweet talk about sauerkraut

If it's autumn, it's time to start checking the store coolers for Hill Farm Sauerkraut, which disappears from the shelves so quickly only the initiated may know of its existence. Those who've had the privilege of eating this kraut say it is crunchy, crisp, and piquant, nothing like the acerbic pulp mom used to serve with weenies.

PETER YOUNG '78 and his wife, Nancy Everhart, are the dedicated gurus behind the Hill Farm label. They have found a niche in the growing field of the specialty food industry, and their sauerkraut makes a seasonal appearance in stores in many eastern states. Not only do they make this rather unusual relish themselves, they also grow thousands of organic cabbages, its primary ingredient, and maintain a small herd of milk cows on their farm in Marshfield, Vermont.

Young did not come by farming naturally, but he learned from the best. After he graduated from Middlebury with a degree in English and German, he apprenticed with Eliot Coleman, a wise elder of the organic gardening movement. Young learned the techniques

that have allowed him and Everhart to garden and raise animals without the use of pesticides or herbicides, to enrich the soil and take advantage of nature's normal way of doing things. The results have been gratifying: an ecologically sound farm that produces healthful food.

One aspect of working with nature is keeping the business seasonal. Young and Everhart milk their cows only in the summer, when it is easier to feed them a milk-producing diet. Sauerkraut production occurs during the fall and winter. After the cabbage is harvested (15 tons of it) it is shredded, salted, and packed for fermentation in a cool place. As late fall and early winter settle in, Young and Everhart pack jars with the Hill Farm specialty, for delivery to scores of sauerkraut fans. As the jars are sold and space in store coolers is filled with different products, the days get longer and warmer, and soon it is time to plant the garden and prepare to milk the cows again. ■



out www.met.nps.navy.mil/~guestps/ or give him a call, if you're planning to be in Monterey, CA. ■ **Robert Sideli** has rediscovered team sports, like the Middlebury Alumni Lacrosse Club and the Vail Shootout Tournament, as he ignores his crumbling body and gets as strong as possible. He is also an avid off-trail (dense woods) skier. ■ After 15 years with one employer, **Clifford Warren** left to become the tax director at GE Capital's commercial finance business in Stamford, CT—replacing a three-hour commute into NYC with a three-minute drive. He hasn't become entirely corporate, though; he manages to sneak into bars at night and sit in with several local bands. ■ **Linda Ruth Spitzfaden** is building a new house according to the principles of Stapatya Veda, an ancient science/philosophy of architecture, in which every room is placed for maximum benefit to the residents' health and happiness. She's writing a book on the "fascinating field of single copy sales" and

giving three-day seminars in newsstand sales. Not one to limit herself, Linda also pursues interests in genetic engineering, in opposing government regulations that would approve of genetically engineered foods as organic, and the Natural Law Party's prevention-oriented approach to society's problems. ■ **Ed Phalen** has moved to Lexington, KY, where he has a new job as area operations manager for SmithKline Beecham Clinical Labs. He's working on obtaining SCUBA certification (along with his father and his son) and certification as a soccer referee, learning to skateboard, and trying again for a Ph.D. He also does in-line skating, plays in an over-40 soccer league, and motorcycles along the awesome KY two-lane roads. ■ **David White**, who recently visited Middlebury with a high school junior (not his) on a college tour, was impressed by the admissions talk and tour. He reports a "hot tip" for parents with college-bound children: Schools are all looking for oboe players! David's chil-

dren aren't quite ready for such concerns; they're entering high school and sixth grade. ■ **Keith Michl** is following his own advice for midlife crises: take some risks in business. He recently left a group practice to start a solo internal medicine practice in Dorset, VT. He also took up snowboarding and he continues to coach youth soccer. ■ **Todd Ellison** (crossover@ellison.net) has established a home business focused on two keyboarding products his wife invented—a revolutionary new way to learn touch typing quickly and a course in learning piano. ■ Which reminded us to remind you to let us know if/when you change your e-mail address. We sent out bunches of e-mail recently and a good portion of it came back undeliverable. We seem to change our e-addresses more often than our socks, so please make a note to add Middlebury (and Katie and Ginni individually) to your list of people to notify!

1978

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On Town Meeting Day last March, **Clark Hinsdale** won a three-year seat on the Charlotte, VT, selectboard. Running as a write-in candidate, he defeated the incumbent by 13 votes and a recount reduced the margin of victory to seven! ■ Just south of Charlotte, **Mary Gilmore Kirkpatrick** lives in Shelburne, VT, with husband Alan and their children (ages 12, 9, and 7). A partner in the law firm Lisman & Lisman, Mary recently received the Thurgood Marshall Award from the City of New York Bar Association for her death-penalty work. Mary has won cases in the VT Supreme Court, coauthored a U.S. Supreme Court brief, and formerly worked for a Wall Street law firm. She is also the president-elect of the Mad River Glen Cooperative and has been elected to the Shelburne School board. ■ Leicester, VT, resident **Ward Mann** is a forester with the Eagle Lumber Co. of Stamford. He and wife Fawn have three daughters. Describing himself as a conservative Republican, Ward is seeking a seat in the VT House, representing the Addison-Rutland-2 district. ■ **Sally Paxton** informs us that she is a special associate counsel to the president, Office of White House Counsel. ■ Norwich, VT, resident **Thomas H. Davis** is now director of the Oncology Clinic at the Kane Center of the Valley Regional Hospital. He also retains his practice in the hematology/oncology section at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH. ■ After playing goalie for 20 years, first at Middlebury in the first club team formed for women (Thanks, **Janet Behnken Rawlings!**) and then with the Sun Valley Sunsets, **Cathy Butterfield** (yhtac@micron.net) has retired from the pads and moved out to forward. This June 7—"She shoots....SHE SCORES!"—one goal and one assist for the first points of

my hockey career. Who says you can't change careers late in life? (Hey, BNG (BattsNadsGang): Call me?) Cathy would like to hear from old friends at her e-mail address or at P.O. Box 65, Ketchum, ID 83340. She writes: "The last year was fairly eventful. Traveled the Alcan round trip—twice!—and played another season as goalie and defenseman on the SV Sunsets Women's Hockey team. Caught a king salmon; floated the Copper River; saw moose, caribou, and big, big brown bears. Really big."

1979



REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Donna Brewer MacKenzie* (dbmack@aol.com), 125 School St., South Hamilton, MA 01982; and *Margaret A. Paine* (mapaine@christa.unh.edu), 35 Edgewood Rd., Durham, NH 03824.

Rick Weston is an adviser to VT's Public Service Board chair, Richard Cowart. He is also a hearing officer and an administrative law judge, hearing cases and issuing proposed decisions. Rick has worked for the VT Board since 1989. ■ As the director of the Franklin School for the Performing Arts Youth Choir, **Raye Lynn Mercer** traveled in June to Vienna, where the choir sang selections from 10 Broadway musicals. Before taking her position at the Franklin School, Raye studied piano at the Vienna International Music Center. ■ Lisa Kaplan and **Herbert Kantor** were married on May 3 at the Belmont (MA) Country Club. Herbert is chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Berkshire Medical Center and a senior partner in Berkshire Physicians and Surgeons. Lisa is a licensed clinical psychologist and an organizational consultant and trainer. ■ Best wishes to **Deirdre Browne** and Rick Counter, who were married on May 6, 1998. Her news: "My youngest turns six in July! I'll be running the Midd 5K in the fall. Hope to see some alums that weekend." ■ **Michael Minor** (mmminor@kisnet.com) and wife Elissa are delighted to announce the birth of daughter Juliet Rose on June 25. She joins brother Eric (4) and sister Carolyn (2). ■ **Maggie Paine** reportedly had an extremely hectic summer, packing up one house in southern VT and moving into another in Durham, NH. ■ On May 16, **Jack Sutherland** got his law degree from Roger Williams Univ. Ralph R. Papitto School of Law. ■ Have you noticed that there is no fast, pleasant way for someone in a hurry to purchase premium food and beverages without leaving the car? On July 31, **Jonathan**

Rodriguez-Atkatz and two friends opened their first Autobistro in Newport Beach, CA, to "revolutionize the drive-thru experience." Menus are printed daily, with fresh fruit a daily menu item. How about a mango smoothie with a demi baguette? Creating a "no-fry zone," Jonathan wants to "get commuters out of food purgatory." Good food is also opening soon at six other sites in Orange County, CA.

1980

Class Secretaries: *David and Laura LaFever Austin*, 305 Swift St., S. Burlington, VT 05403.

Jim Grossman is living in quiet Reading, VT, where he works in a family textile mill. He has two children who "provide wonder and fear" in his life. Jim remains busy doing what he calls the "VT equivalent of Little League with the town ski program." ■ **Madeline Hardart** and Kirk Saville were married on May 9 in NYC. Madeline is a managing director and a corporate public relations counsel at Hill and Knowlton in NYC. Kirk is a science writer for Bell Labs div. of Lucent Technologies. ■ **Peter Milkey** has been a market data analyst with Reader's Digest for 15 years. Peter broke his spinal cord in an accident just two months after graduating from Midd, which led him to take a program in the programming language known as COBOL. He subsequently mastered four other mainframe programming languages and many other facets of computer operations. His work for Reader's Digest includes preparing market data for direct-mail analysis. Peter has some advice for people with disabilities: "You have to get the education you need and then persevere. You have to prove you can do it." ■ **Andy Nestler** reports that he and wife Robin have moved the family east, after spending 10 years in northern CA. Daughter Ryan (13) and sons P.J. (12), Andrew (9), and Sam (5) are adjusting well. Andy is still working for Ghiradelli Chocolate, a firm based in San Francisco. With the help of Midd alums, he's trying to make Ghiradelli a household name throughout the East. ■ **David T. Austin** was reelected to a two-year term on the South Burlington City Council. David was first elected to the S.B. City Council in May of 1996. ■ **Carole Quinlan Cross** lives in Grand Prairie, TX, with husband Bill and daughter Mariah (3). Bill is a programmer with Electronic Data Systems in Dallas. Carole, who has a personal injury/family law practice in nearby Arlington, was training for her third marathon in San Diego in June. She looks forward to hearing from any of her "old" classmates.

1981

Class Secretaries: *Anne Borchardt Exler* (exler@erols.com), 6160 Llanfair Dr., Columbia, MD 21044; and *Sue Dutcher Wagley*, 4060 Hanover, Dallas, TX 75225.

Bob and **Pam Nugent Czekanski** (pczekanski@loomissayles.com) welcomed twins John Alexander and Michael Thomas to the family on May 18, joining proud older brother Ben (2 1/2). "Needless to say free time is nonexistent!" ■ **James F. Baker II**, VP and principal of Baker's Business Interiors, has been appointed to the board of directors of First Vermont Bank. A Dummerston resident, he has two sons. ■ **David Hill** has joined the Vermont Energy Investment Corp. as a senior energy analyst. He will work with VEIC's consulting group to design, evaluate, and implement energy efficiency programs for utilities and state agencies. He was previously with Tellus Institute and the Boston Center of the Stockholm Environment Institute. ■ NYC investment banker **Steve Willis** and wife Harriette (Brainard) '83, recently purchased a restaurant in Princeton, NJ. The Willises have four children (ages 2-11) and live on a farm in Hopewell Township, NJ. ■ Since the arrival of Sophie Hannah on April 14, her father, **Darrell Brown**, is "adjusting to the fact that I am now going to have to sit up nights, waiting for her [wife Nancy] to come home from her dates." Sophie has an older brother, Alec (3 1/2). ■ Philip and **Carrie McCoy Bush** have two beautiful daughters, Alden (9) and Avery (5). Carrie loves to visit with Jennifer Strayton Clark '81 (in Needham, MA), who has two sons and a daughter. ■ **Anne Geary Joseph** and husband Charlie welcomed fourth child Margaret (Maggie) Frances on December 10, 1997. She joins Sarah (7 1/2), Jack (6), and Caroline (3). ■ **Allison Davis Kinsley** (akemp@aol.com) writes: "I don't think I've written since I was married, and that's 10 years ago now! Living in CO with husband Steve and children Paige (5) and Will (4). I run my own meeting and convention planning company, which keeps me traveling around the country. Still singing (with the Colorado Symphony just now) and would love to hear from anyone, particularly Mischorchds!"

1982

Class Secretaries: *Mary Beth Litster Cockerham* (marybeth.cockerham@east.sun.com), 1262 Dartmouth Ct., Alexandria, VA 22314; and *Ellen Harris Swiggett* (jswiggett@aol.com), 13 Georgetown Cir., Madison, CT 06443.

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RETURNED.

In Wellesley, MA, **Paul Cramer** and wife Mary Gard are proud to announce the birth of third son William Joseph on December 31, 1997, at 11:32 P.M. "Met the tax deadline!" He joins brothers Peter (6) and Harry (4). ■ **Greg Murphy** (greg_murphy@ermwest.com) writes that he and wife Annie Kersting are the parents of Peter Walker Murphy, born January 11. Greg is working for ERM-West, an environmental consulting firm in Walnut Creek, CA. So far he reports that he is adjusting well to juggling parenthood, work, climbing, and bagpiping. ■ **Al Wagman** and wife Beth welcomed their third child on March 14. Eliza Jane joins her big brothers, Evan (6) and Ben (2). They enjoy keeping up with the demands of their 133-year-old house in Bethel, CT. Al completed his fourth marathon in April, the Boston Marathon, running 3:14 and qualifying for the event next year. "I am looking forward to participating in the run the College is staging from New Haven, CT, to Middlebury this fall. I keep in touch with **Polly Mitchell Ranson**, **John Buerger**, and **Sheila Creamer Mockett** on an irregular basis and all are doing well." ■ Congratulations and best wishes to **Andy Stebbins** and Lisa Lee, who were married on September 28. They will be living in Perth, Australia for the next few years, according to Andy's parents, Dave '44 and Irmey Nierhaus Stebbins '48. ■ **Jonathan Kamien** and his wife of eight years, Leslie Amass, love living in Denver. Jonathan is president of BioPsych Consulting, a firm that provides intellectual and technological solutions to psychological researchers and clinicians. "Skiing is still my #1 priority and I've taken full advantage of the CO skiing within two hours of Denver. I'd like to hear from other classmates who'd like to get together and make some turns out here. See <http://www.BioPsych.com> for contact info and pictures of our two dogs and cat." ■ **Sue Long** (suelong@agate.net) writes: "I've completed my first two years of public school classroom teaching in Bethel, ME. Have been teaching earth science and physical science to ninth graders. I also coach junior soccer and cross-country skiing. I love western ME and—after living in VT, ID, and CO since graduating—think I have found my long-term home. Recreational interests include hiking, mountain biking, running, and skiing (of course). My favorite author is Rumford's Richard Kent, who attended Bread Loaf School of English ('91, '92) and recently published a book on teaching: *Room 109: The Promise of a Portfolio Classroom*." ■ **Ellen Harris Swiggett** and husband Jeff continue to love living in Madison, CT, their home of nine years. Ellen is busy as a stay-at-home mom, thoroughly enjoying the joys and

challenges of motherhood with children Kate (10), Tyler (8), and Callie (5). She is also involved in a variety of community and school volunteering efforts, as well as tennis for exercise and an occasional art class for fun. Ellen loves being one of the editors of this column and the added bonus of catching up with many classmates. Keep those notes coming!

1983

Class Secretaries: **Ruth Kennedy** (ruthk@garden.org), 231 Park St., Burlington, VT 05401; and **Siobhan Leahy Ulrich** (sulrich@westminster.pvt.k12.ct.us), Westminster School, 995 Hopmeadow St., Simsbury, CT 06070.

It was wonderful to get caught up with so many friends and classmates at our 15th Reunion. Saturday's weather was perfect for the luncheon cookout and the 5K run, and just for relaxing with folks. ■ **Brian Napack** flew in from L.A. for the festivities. After leaving Disney, Brian started Thinkbox, a new Hollywood studio dedicated to creating great kids' educational programs for both the Internet and television. Brian writes, "Our first project, *Kindle Square*, is a creative playground for preschoolers that will exist on both the PC and TV. The Square is filled with great characters, stories, activities, and adventures. It is designed to become a positive part of children's lives as they learn and grow from ages two to six." ■ **Tom Furber** attended reunion with daughter Stassy (4 1/2). In April, Tom moved from ME to Cambridge, MA, with wife Laura and daughters Stassy and Aly (15 mos.). Tom works for an Internet grocery called Hannaford's Homeruns (www.homeruns.com): "We take orders by Web, phone, or fax, and deliver the next day. A division of supermarket chain Hannaford Brothers Co., we serve Brookline, Boston, Cambridge, Somerville, Arlington, and Newton, processing orders out of a facility in Somerville. We're looking to grow the business and if anyone wants to give it a try, that would be great!" ■ **Bart and Susie Leahy '89 Gummere** were unable to make it up from Richmond, VA, for reunion, but were definitely there in spirit. They both work at the Collegiate School in Richmond, Bart as director of college counseling and Susie as a first grade teacher. They love life there and welcome travelers. ■ Living in RI, **Bob Gulla** and wife Kathleen are the busy parents of three children. A freelance music journalist, Bob writes for *People*, *Musician*, and *Rolling Stone*. "When the phone stops ringing and the music subsides, I get besieged by my WONDERFUL children, Grant (5), Mariclaire (3), and Colin (1)." Bob keeps in touch with several other Rhode Islanders. Dr. **Bob Risica** recently moved back to RI from AK with

wife Patty and daughter Gabriella. Dr. **Stu Demirs** and Dr. **Colin Harrington** are both practicing in Rhode Island. ■ **Sarah Egan** graduated from medical school last year and is finishing her intern year. She plans to remain at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn for the rest of her residency in internal medicine, because she likes it there. ■ **Scott Laughinghouse**, wife Robin, and children Chelsey (6) and Casey (3) recently finished building a home in New London, NH. Scott is a commercial lender for the Lake Sunapee Bank in Lebanon. ■ **Terry Epstein** (epstein@duffordbrown.com) still lives in the Mile High City with husband Jep and daughters Jordan (5) and Caroline (2). Working part time for a law firm, she specializes in employment law. Terry and Jep are great tour guides for anyone visiting Denver. ■ **Pete Ulrich**, **Bruce Gevertz**, and **Jeff Thomsen** all made the trek out to Vail in June as part of Middlebury's Alumni Team in the Master's Division of the Vail Shootout. With their help, Middlebury won the consolation bracket in their division! At Westminster School, Pete teaches math and coaches the varsity soccer team and thirds lacrosse team. Jeff and his family have moved to the Southwest, where they will be working at an independent school in NM. Bruce is working with high yield bonds in NYC. ■ Also in NYC, **Pamela Chasek** (pam@dti.net) and husband Langston James "Kimo" Goree welcomed the arrival of second son Kai Alexander Goree on April 15. ■ **Robert Miessau**, aka "Macho Bob," hopes that all his Middlebury friends will visit him in "Lost Wages." After working for the Park Service for a number of years, Bob is now working as a pharmaceutical representative in Las Vegas. ■ Phoenix teacher **Jennifer Baker Warren** made it back for the 15th Reunion and thought it was great! She was disappointed not to see more "local folk" in attendance. She camped all summer in southern CO and then headed back to Phoenix, where "visitors are always welcome." ■ **Frederick Taylor's** invest-

ment advisory firm, Northstar, which he cofounded in 1995, has become one of fastest-growing such firms in the Denver area. He was recently selected as one of Denver's "Forty under 40" business leaders by the *Denver Business Journal*. ■ **Todd Miller** writes: "My years in Burlington, VT, are 'outbuilding' themselves. I seem to be slowly reaching out in many interesting ways, the newest of which is being elected to the VT chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill." ■ **Stacey Murphy Lee-Dobek** writes: "Life is good. Cassidy (11) starts junior high and Mesa (9) goes to fourth grade. Working on our addition: marble foundation, post and beam, slate roof: quite the art piece. Work soars. I'm included in a physical therapy practice in CT that has me enthralled and engaged, as well as a private practice in Middlebury, VT. Grateful for my health and the amount of love in my life. Jack '78 is great. Our 20th Reunion should hopefully bring more of us together." ■ **Dana Houlihan**, who lives in Burlington, VT, with wife Andrea and dog Wryly, recently started a new job as finance director for the Community Health Center of Burlington, a nonprofit medical facility offering a full range of primary and preventive care services. ■ **Cate Granger Zolkos** is an assistant dean of admissions at Amherst (MA) College. ■ **Joe Kennedy** and wife Jana live in Johnson City, TN, where Joe recently started a new job with the Center for Applied Reproductive Science, a private practice. Joe completed medical school at Tufts, a residency in ob/gyn,



Laurie Lynn Strasser '85 and William A. Fischer (see 1985 column)



Paula Rand and John Hornbostel '84 (see 1984 column)

and a fellowship in reproductive endocrinology and infertility. ■ **Kim Adams Weiss** writes: "After seven wonderful years out West, we moved back to the East Coast from Seattle last summer, and are now in Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ. Doug '84 is a VP with Merck-Medco, and I am enjoying staying home with daughters Kelsy (8) and Bettina (5). We're also having fun restoring our 1939 Tudor home. And thrilled, of course, to be able to go to VT at a moment's notice. Reunion '98 was great!" ■ **Lise Markl**, who is living in Hong Kong, was married stateside last New Year's Eve at midnight to Steve Lingo. Among Midds in attendance were **Deb Varnum Tong**, **Jayne Benz Chipman**, **Doug Darby**, **Dana Houlihan**, and **Ruth Kennedy**. Their stay in Hong Kong has allowed ample travel to places like Tokyo, the Republic of Palau, and Taiwan. ■ Second son Robert Gordon joined Mark and **Lesley Woodberry Robinson** on June 3 in Vienna, Austria. Robert's brother, Austen, is 1 1/2. ■ An e-mail from **Lindsay James Dugan**: "The 15th was great. As always, my family and I had a wonderful time. I am still in computer integrated manufacturing at Motorola, and we are back in AZ, after an eventful two-year transfer to NC. My husband is teaching at a new golf course in Mesa, AZ, Sunland Village. The biggest change since our 10th Reunion is our new family member, Audra Beth (2 1/2). She is magical and our greatest source of happiness. While in the East, we were able to spend time with my sister, Holly James Kartna '78. We are all looking forward to the Big 20!"

1984



REUNION CLASS

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Alison Napack '87 and Christian Malone (see 1987 column)

In July, **Gordon Woodworth** was named director of sports information at UVM. He has been there since 1989, and served as interim director of sports information since December 1997. He lives in Burlington, a stone's throw away from Dan '83 and **Jane Brayton Burchard** and their son, Thomas Charles (2). ■ **Peter O'Meara** is living in Seattle with wife Heather and daughter Annie Elizabeth (6 mos.). Peter is a district manager for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals. ■ **Richard Makin** has joined the investment banking group of BankBoston as a managing director in leveraged finance. He was formerly senior VP of loan syndications at ING Barings. The job change meant a move for wife Lainey, daughter Carter (5 1/2), and son Jory (3 1/2). ■ **Jeanne McMullin** and **Henry Labalme** were married last May atop Mohegan Bluffs on Block Island, RI. Henry is the co-founder and executive director of TV-Free America, a Washington-based organization that encourages Americans to reduce the amount of television they watch. Jeanne is an associate at Feinberg & Associates, a Washington law firm. ■ After 10 years working in the software industry, **Jill Salter Plump** has started an IT services company, specializing in creating n-tiered applications for the Web. Called InScribe Technologies, the company is based in the Boston area. ■ **Lisa Giuffra de Diaz**, accompanied by husband Alex, daughters Gabriela (2) and Alessandra (2 1/2 mos.), rendez-voused in the Italian Riviera in June with classmate **Alexis Gibson Minder**, husband Urs, and son Alexander. The Diaz family was on a tour of Italy in the final weeks of Lisa's maternity leave before she returned to her job as VP in Latin research sales at Goldman Sachs. (Lisa reported that having two children is harder than working on Wall Street.) ■ Daughter Emily joined **Mark** and **Sarah Van Tuyl '85 Ray** on May 11, 1998. ■ A good time was had by all '84 classmates who gathered in Waitsfield, VT, in June for the nuptials of **Phil Huffman** and **Audrey Augustine** (Bowdoin '86). Classmates spotted tipping cows included **Larry Stabler**, **Tony Flint**, **Tom Kottler**, **Josh Klein**, **Matt Ellenthal**, **Jim Robinson**, **Elizabeth Hackett**

Robinson, **Kristen Gould Case**, **Bizi Lynch**, **John Fraser**, **Robin Harris**, **Steve Moynahan**, and **Jay Klein**, as well as a slew of Midd folk from other classes.

PHOTO CAPTION The June 13 marriage of Paula Rand and **John Hornbostel** took place in Cold Spring Harbor, NY. Celebrating with them were **Vicki Hornbostel**, the newlyweds, **Michael Rich**, **Todd Hunter** and wife Jill, **Mary O'Halloran Fitzgerald** '86, **John Fitzgerald**, **Michael** and **Lisa Johnson** '83 **Maxwell**. Not pictured were **F.W. Nugent** and the bridegroom's parents, **John F.** '62 and **Elizabeth Allen Hornbostel** '62. Paula is an archivist and researcher at Salander-O'Reilly Galleries in NYC. John is an assistant general counsel at the American International Group, a NYC insurance and financial services company.

1985

Class Secretary: **Dale Sailer** (Dale_Sailer@ccis.com), 2237 Linneman St., Glenview, IL 60025.

In VT, **Mark** '84 and **Sarah Van Tuyl Ray** welcomed daughter Emily on May 11, 1998. ■ In Hoboken, NJ, **Steven Saltzman** and wife **Marcy Lefkowitz** are delighted to announce the arrival of identical twin daughters **Charlotte** and **Abigail** on May 26. They join sister **Silvie** (3). Steven is the managing editor of *Today's Homeowner* (www.todayshomeowner.com), a 950,000-circulation magazine, "ideal for folks buying and remodeling a home." Marcy is an editor for ABC News. ■ **Peter Brown** (pjbrown@wavetech.net) is a rental property owner/operator in Minneapolis/St. Paul. He and wife **Susan** and son **Max** (3) welcomed **Sabrina** to their family on June 25. Finally on-line, Peter is hoping to hear from all of his old friends. ■ On February 13, **Peter Clough** (cloughp@aol.com) and wife **Lisa** were joined by **Madison**—a 30-pound black lab puppy. Peter writes that she has "added a wonderful element to both our lives." ■ Your secretary happened to run into some former classmates while doing the "kid thing" recently. The kids and I discovered **Sarah Burchfield Carey** running a balloon tent at the Winnetka (IL) Days fair. Sarah and husband **Gibb** and children **Christopher** (5) and **Eliza** (3) recently moved to Winnetka from the Boston area, where **Gibb** was (and still is) with Bain Consulting. Just a few days later, we stumbled upon **Dave** '83 and **Catherine McGill Durning** and children—**Emily** (6), **Jessie** (4), and **Malcolm** (17 mos.)—at a local ice cream parlor. Dave is still with Prudential Capital and Catherine is doing the "mom thing." ■ **Bart** and **Anne DiVecchio Gripenstraw** welcomed

son **Jack Angelo** to the family on July 15. He immediately hit the road with his parents and brother **Henry** on their move from San Francisco to Greenwood Village, CO, where **Anne** (a_gripenstraw@hotmail.com) will be working for Janus Mutual Funds. ■ **John** (jchalmer@oregon.uoregon.edu) and **Karen Rockow Chalmers**, **Zachary** (5 1/2), and **Maxwell** (3) are pleased to introduce their new son and brother, **Mikkel**, born January 21, 1998. They love living in Eugene, OR, where Karen is a full-time mom and John is a finance prof. at the Univ. of OR. ■ We are truly counting down to the College's 200th anniversary and our 15th Reunion. Hope you're making plans to be back for the festivities!

PHOTO CAPTION The marriage of **Laurie Lynn Strasser** and **William A. Fischer** took place on October 10 at Martha's Vineyard, MA.

1986

Class Secretaries: **Mary Sue Holland** (msh@cbsnews.com), 65 W. 96 St., #17D, New York, NY 10025; and **Julie Morris Ogden** (julie_ogden@gfs.org), 300 Garrison Forest Rd., Owings Mills, MD 21117.

Michael Rawding is living in Hong Kong, where he is Microsoft's new regional director for greater China. One of his biggest challenges will be handling sales, marketing, and customer support in three technologically diverse areas—Hong Kong, the mainland, and Taiwan. ■ Last May, **Mary Maguire** was elected Washington's Most Eligible Single Democrat for a charity benefit sponsored by It's Just Lunch, DC's matchmaking service for busy professionals. Mary was required to create an alcoholic drink and name it for someone. Mary's winning recipe was called the **Dianne Feinstein**, with the ingredients being bitter and sour. Coincidentally, Mary, who is a public defender for the city of Alexandria, also won her first court case on the same day. ■ **Forrester Research, Inc.**, has named **Richard Belanger** to the position of chief technology officer. He was formerly VP of interactive media at MainSpring Communications and, before that, VP of technology at Information Access Co. ■ **Jonathan Detwiler** has been busy with his antique house renovation business, **Buttonwood Renovations**, in Norwell, MA. The name comes from the 200-year-old Buttonwood tree at the family homestead. Just now he's looking about for an 18th-century barn to replace the one that burned down in his parents' yard. ■ Living in Atlanta, **Chris** and **Kirsten Lewis Comai** have two daughters, **Claire** (3) and **Alexa** (1). Chris works for Arthur Andersen. ■ **Sarah Christel** is a full-time student at New England Culinary Institute in VT. ■ **Liv-**

ing in Charlotte, VT, **Amy Wright Kiernan** has her own pottery business, Meadowwind Pottery. She sometimes collaborates with **Monica Carroll McCabe**, who has her own hand-painted ceramics business, Majolica, in New Haven. ■ **Heather Pierce Kingston**—another Charlotte, VT, resident—works at a Burlington radio station. She has three daughters: Lindsay (6), Taylor (4), and McKenzie (2). ■ **Laurie Harper** works in the marketing department of Maritz Travel, a job that takes her all over the world. ■ **Emily Conant** reports that **Chris Helle** is living in Morges, Switzerland, working on a joint venture with General Mills and Nestle. ■ **Hugh Montgomery** and wife Marcia have bought a house in Seattle, where Hugh teaches at the Univ. of WA. He also has his own custom woodworking business and several of his pieces were recently included in an exhibit/sale in the Seattle area. ■ **Caroline Perea Barry** is proud to announce the birth of son Nicholas Thacher Barry on November 24, 1997. He joins sister Isobel (3 1/2). ■ **John Kirk** has his own law practice in Middlebury, VT. Son MacLean Douglas was born this June, joining Charlotte (4) and Marshall (3). ■ **Kirk Fleischer** and his wife welcomed their first child, Chloe, who was also born this June. ■ **Dave and Cathy Perillo Huggins** live in western ID, where first child James Joseph arrived on June 27. ■ On May 30, **Juliet Lambert** and John Pratt were married in West Barnstable, MA. In June, she resumed the role of Fantine in the Broadway production of *Les Miserables*. John is a first VP at Salomon Smith Barney in NYC. The two met in 1996 on the ferry to Block Island. ■ Congratulations also to **Tim Frye** and Kira Sanbonmatsu, who were married in Plymouth, MA, on July 11. Classmates in attendance were **Paul Morrison**, **Sue Whitty**, **Chris and Lisa Cheney Sullivan**, **Brad Robins**, **Steve and Cinny Eberts Bensen**, and **Julie Morris Ogden**. Tim and Kira both teach at OH State Univ. The Sullivans have moved into a new home in Sudbury, MA, with daughter Elaine (4). The Bensens have moved into a new home in Norwich, VT, with Emily (6) and Peter (4).

1987

Class Secretary: **Ann Christie Gusiff** (clothstd@aol.com), 4402 El Camino, La Canada CA 91011; and **Scott Langerman** (scott.langerman@turner.com), 1098 Rosedale Rd., Atlanta, GA 30306.

Tom Funk and Elizabeth Maher are delighted to report the birth of their first child, daughter Hannah Lee Funk, in October 1997. Tom is enjoying success

Donker-doodle Dandy

JOSLIN FIELDS '85 lives in rural Montana with a small menagerie—one cat, two dogs, two donkeys, three horses—and her husband, Lowell Cary.

Fields seems to attract animals, especially those needing love. The donkey named Donker-doodle was badly neglected and needed a home, so Lowell surprised her with the critter for their anniversary. She wasn't looking for a second dog, but homeless "Snuffy" so resembled her own dog that friends kept calling to tell her that her dog had been "found"; when no one adopted him, she did.

This love of animals has translated perfectly into an at-home business that puts her studio art major to good use. Fields makes animal-oriented products out of a variety of materials (ceramic, silver, wood, rubber, and fabric), crafting animal likenesses for the Humane Society, Yellowstone National Park, galleries and museums, and Signals mail-order catalog. Her most popular item is a brightly colored fleece hat with an appliquéd animal face—a funny face at that. Some, "when appropriate," according to Fields, have three-dimensional eyes and whis-



kers. "New Englanders and cold-weather worshippers find tremendous warmth and comfort in their fleece hats, which bring joy and good humor to those looking on."

Fields launched her hat-making career when she was a Middlebury student. Worried that her favorite professor, Pardon Tillinghast, needed some winter-weather protection, she knitted a cozy hat for him "to keep the cold at bay on his sojourns across campus on his bike."

The faces Fields puts on her hats are dogs, cats, and frogs. But given the nature of Fields's family zoo, we won't be surprised to see new additions, not only to the repertoire of hats, but to the Montana tribe. ■

as editor of *Mobilia*, a magazine about car collectibles. Elizabeth is a special educator at Starksboro (VT) Elementary School. They live in Bristol, VT, where—"thanks to Hannah"—they are "blissfully neglecting [their] yard, garden, and home." ■ Up in ME, **Jonathan Doolittle** recently joined the firm of Verrill & Dana, LLP, as an associate. He's practicing in the bankruptcy practice group. ■ Mildred Archer and **Jacob F. Brown III** were married in an outdoor ceremony in VT in May. Both are VT Law School graduates. Jacob is an environmental reporter/managing editor at the *Montpelier Bridge*, a community newspaper. Mildred is an environmental manager at UVM. ■ Cheryle and **David Rosen** are the proud parents of daughter Caroline Laurel Rosen, who was born May 18. ■ **Westy Caswell Copeland** (westy@mninter.net.com) and husband Jonathan have a new son. "His name is Paris Bradford Copeland,

after my father, W. Bradford Caswell '64. I can't wait to teach him how to draw and paint! He is coming with us to hang a show in Chicago this fall. This show will be in the LaSalle Bank Building from September through October. For any long lost friends out there, send me an e-mail message." ■ Roger and **Barbara Marvin Nozaki** (brsnozaki@juno.com) welcomed son Samuel on December 6, 1997: "He's a wonderful, fun, smiley baby. We love being parents—but it's not an easy job!" They also have moved and bought a house in Fairfield, CT. Barbara is teaching at Greenwich Academy this fall.

PHOTO CAPTION **Alison Napack** and Christian Malone were married on November 15, 1997, in Cold Spring Harbor, NY. With them were **Britta Herlitz Lerner**, **Katherine Ury Steiger**, **Jane Gorham**, **Anne Corry**, **Brian Napack '83**, the newlyweds, **Catherine Stifel Hansen '86**, **Julie Soper**

Long, **Jeffrey Steiger '86**, **Judy Murray Tedeschi**, and **Jim Connolly**. William Haft '82 missed the photo.

1988

Class Secretaries: **Anyia Puri**, 2549 Main St., Lawrenceville, NJ 08648; and **Claire Gwatin**, 4284 24th St., San Francisco, CA 94114.

Attorney **Christina Valar** went hiking in the Himalayas for several weeks as part of a medical expedition to test the effects of altitude on men and women. She has previously hiked at 14,000-foot altitudes; by contrast, this climb will reach 21,120 feet at the main peak at Nimaling. The project's focus is to determine gender differences in stress response to high altitude hypoxia (the amount of oxygen



Laurel Crabtree and Bill Driscoll '91 (see 1991 column)



Law school is behind her (see 1992 column)

reaching body tissues). Christina is a lawyer for the Dept. of Professional and Financial Regulations in Gardiner, ME. ■ **Bruce Wimberly** has been named VP for American Century Investment Management, Inc., in Kansas City, MO. ■ Along with sons Torsten (2 1/2) and Bjorn (6 mos.), **Erik** and Ingrid McKenzie '90 **Nilsson** (nilsson@usa.net) are leaving the corn fields of IL, moving back east to Westford, MA. ■ **Patrick Le Floch's** employer, the export office of Volvo Heavy Truck, is relocating him to FL. For more news of the Le Flochs, turn to the 1991 column. ■ **Hardin** and **Wendy Victor Pantle** have moved from NYC to Baltimore, where Hardin is doing his residency in pediatrics at Johns Hopkins. "Lots of Middlebury people in Baltimore!" Their son, Tyler Attwood Pantle, was born on January 6. ■ **Alec** and **Sarah O'Herron Casey** (sohcasey@aol.com) are thrilled to announce the birth of their first child, Hannah Sheridan Casey, on March 13. "Hannah enjoyed herself thoroughly at her mother's 10th Reunion!" ■ **Jim** and **Kate Grund Kane** are the proud parents of son John Brassler Kane, who arrived May 12. "He is absolutely amazing. Our bundle of joy!" They were also busy moving to a new home in Darien, CT. "Everything always seems to happen at once! Hope to get up to Midd soon." ■ **Murray** (mbkohl@worldnet.att.net) and **Betsy Phillips '91 Kohl** welcomed their first child, daughter Sarah Barbara on May 15. Murray is still with the FleetCenter in Boston and Betsy is staying home with Sarah for the time being. ■ **Jessica Lonnes Portuondo** and husband Reynaldo Portuondo welcomed son Sebastian Lukas Portuondo

on June 23 in San Francisco, CA. ■ **Kimberley Welsh** and **Michael Labertew** were married on April 4. ■ **Gordon Tichell** and **Kirsten Conran** were married on April 26 in Bel Air, CA. Midd friends in attendance included **James Falvey** and **Vanessa Bardliving**. Gordon is the controller of the U.S. office of Working Title Films—*Four Weddings and a Funeral*, *Fargo*, etc. Kirsten is an ad agency art director. They live in Los Angeles, CA. ■ **Hannah Williams** and **William Hudson** were married on July 18 in Northeast Harbor, ME. The newlyweds live in San Francisco, where Hannah is the marketing manager at Jamba Juice Co. and her husband is VP for marketing at Pegasus Capital Corp.

1989



REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: **Kristen Canfield** McBurney, 7141 Lincoln Park Way, S.W., Seattle, WA 98136; and **Timothy O'Shea** (tim_o'shea@fmr.org), 1400 Lowell Rd., Concord, MA 01742.

At the Rivers School in Weston, MA, **Steve Hopkins** has been a science teacher for eight years and head coach of the boys' varsity lacrosse team for six years. Steve was recently named the Independent School League Coach of the Year for the second time since 1994. Steve and wife Deborah

Reed Hopkins '90 live in Natick. ■ **Jerry** and **Lisa Seiden McGowan** welcomed daughter Alexis Kate on August 4, 1997. Lisa is a VP and portfolio manager at U.S. Trust Co. in NYC. ■ Last June, **Emily Hall** was married to James Miller, whom she met while both were pursuing Ph.D.'s in English literature at the Univ. of WI in Madison. Emily is still in graduate school, while her husband is an assistant prof. of English literature at the Univ. of WI in Whitewater. ■ **Robin Rhodes Astor** (rastor@smcvt.edu) writes: "Got together on Nantucket island this summer with **Gabriela Gangotena**, her husband, Jose, and their two little boys, Ignacio (5) and Francisco (2). My two little girls—Alexandra (2) and Rebecca (7 mos.)—had a wonderful time with their Ecuadorian friends. My little sister from the Community Friends program at Middlebury, **Andrea Todd** (now 21 years old!), was on the island for the summer and helped with our kids." ■ **Diane Lafleur Thomas** "would love to hear from classmates!" She and husband John have a new home at 37 Gillespie Cres., Ottawa, ON K1V 0C1, Canada. ■ **Lucian** and **Elizabeth Wilcox** have two children, Zoe (2 1/2) and Ben (almost 1). They live in Weston, CT, where Elizabeth runs a small career Web site at www.strivemag.com. ■ Congratulations to **Erik Vignes** and **Kristen Buxton**, who were married this July in Marblehead, MA. **Andy Cornish**, **Steve Becker**, **Tim O'Shea**, **Mark Dimond**, and **Tom Dinanno** attended the wedding festivities. The reception was highlighted by a boat cruise along the coast, as Mark Dimond serenaded the crowd with his mastery of various show tunes. Tom Dinanno, fresh from a three-month trip to the Chilean jungles, is pursuing his master's in real estate management at MIT. While in Chile, Tom was a member of a MIT-based research team examining the impact of urban sprawl on indigenous cultures and looks forward to applying what he experienced to his graduate studies. Mark Dimond and wife Carrie are back in the Boston area (Newton), where Mark is a senior sales manager with Life is Good sportswear. Some of Mark's products have been featured on the *Drew Carey Show*. ■ **Tim O'Shea** had a "small world" encounter recently as he ran into **Sam Ellison Kane** at the Middlesex School in Concord, MA. Tim's wife, Kathleen (Murphy) '90, is the girls' field hockey and lacrosse coach at Middlesex, while Sam's husband is the drama teacher and director of the school productions. Tim is working for Fidelity Investments in Boston. Sam, in addition to her duties at Middlesex, is busy making quilts and writing. Speaking of small worlds, Emily Hall's little sister is playing field hockey for Kathleen O'Shea.

■ **Graham Goldsmith** writes from Cleveland, where he is the senior product manager for Nash Concrete and Paving: "Life here in the Home of Rock and Roll is fantastic! Wife Shelley and daughter Campbell are doing great, and I'd love to hear from some buddies from Midd." Graham also exhorts his classmates to get ready for our 10th Reunion. Now that he mentions it, it's a perfect time to remind all of you that Reunion is fast approaching! Look for announcements and registration information in the mail in the coming months. Make sure to reserve the dates of May 28–30. The entire weekend promises to be fun-filled and will really give you a chance to catch up with friends and visit our old haunts.

1990

Class Secretaries: **Mary Stechschulte** (104104.2702@compuserve.com), 9009 High Dr., Leawood, KS 66206; and **Paul E. Needham** (paul_e_needham@scudder.com), 43 Berrywood Ln., South Hamilton, MA 01982.

David Gilbert (M.A. English '94) has been writing short stories for 15 years and is now working on his first novel. Since his stories appeared in the *New Yorker* and *Harper's* and were included in the 1996 edition of the Algonquin Books series *New Stories from the South*, David has enjoyed glowing reviews and hears himself compared with Roth and Salinger. "I have to take [the comparisons] lightly, because I don't feel I'm in the same zip code as those men," quips David. His first novel, *The Normals*, is due out from Scribner next year. ■ **Jackie Geer** can be reached at jmurph@grove.ufl.edu. ■ After two years of designing at the Peruvian Connection Catalog, **Mary Stechschulte** moved to MI to begin the MFA program at Cranbrook Academy of Art. ■ For news of Erik '88 and **Ingrid McKenzie Nilsson** (nilsson@usa.net), turn to the 1988 column. ■ **Amy Leith** (amyleith@erols.com) has finished year one of an MBA program in NYC, majoring in international business. She spent the summer in Zurich, Switzerland, doing an internship at IT-Sec AG, the information technology subsidiary of the Union Bank of Switzerland. ■ **Steve Lauterbach** (tedimax@aol.com) is chief resident in general surgery at Strong Memorial Hospital. He lives in Rochester, NY, with wife Carrie and son Theodore Max. Next June, he will be moving to Boston for a fellowship in vascular surgery at MA General Hospital. ■ Congratulations to our newlyweds and new parents! **Jeffrey Erlbaum** (jerlbaum@compuserve.com) and **Sara Jane Kudlacik** were married September 6, 1997. They live in Penn Valley, PA, and Jeffrey practices law in Philadelphia. ■

The June 28, 1997, marriage of Karalyn Kinsella and **Andrew Krugman** took place in New Haven, CT. Ushers included **Ross Smith** and Martin Fossett '89. Andrew teaches history and coaches soccer, basketball, and tennis at Kingswood-Oxford School in West Hartford, where the newlyweds live. Karalyn is a medical student at the Univ. of CT. ■ On July 18, **John Shumadine** and wife Catherine welcomed their first child, daughter Emma. She arrived just in time to distract John during his final year of law school at the Univ. of ME, where he is editor-in-chief of the *Law Review*. ■ Son Samuel joined parents **Alex Mahoney** and Fred Rollenhagen in March. Sam's sister, Zoe, turned two in July. Alex resumed teaching at Newark Academy this fall. ■ **Noel Greg Allen** (tyger@idcomm.com) sends his first class notes contribution to announce the birth of son Tyger Alexander, Ty for short, on May 11, 1997. "His mother is Kimberly Goto, who is a Denver native. We live in a 102-year-old Victorian house, which we are restoring gradually." ■ **Elizabeth Toder** was studying Vietnamese this summer at the Southeast Asian Summer Studies Institute in Eugene, OR, "with the objective of participating in international business opportunities utilizing my Vietnamese and Thai language skills, in these and related emerging markets. This fall, I plan to be in NYC or Southeast Asia." On October 26, she planned to run the Dublin (Ireland) Marathon to raise funds for cancer research at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Centre. "This will be my fourth marathon, having previously completed two marathons in Thailand in 1991 and 1993, and the NYC Marathon in November 1997. I feel good about combining an activity I enjoy doing with helping to make a difference in other people's lives." ■ High school French teacher **Kelly Foster** (kellyf@landmarknet.net) was so excited about receiving her master's in secondary education last spring that she "immediately jumped out of an airplane at 13,000 feet and parachuted to the ground. Seriously. Skydiving was unquestionably the most exhilarating experience of my life. Now, after four years at Fryeburg Academy where I co-lead two student trips of 50 to Europe, I have accepted a new teaching position at Biddeford High School on the southern coast of ME. I am looking forward to living near Portland and the ocean. Onward and upward!

1991

Class Secretaries: **Bill Driscoll**, 6105 Lenox Park Cir., Atlanta, GA 30319; and **Kate J. Kelley** (advgrc@rkymthi.com), P.O. Box 268, Grand Lake, CO 80447.

People magazine chose **Chris Waddell** as one of the "Fifty Most Beautiful

People in the World," as everyone knows from the May 11 double issue of the magazine. ■ After four years in France, **Kate Grimes** (grimesk@ddb.fr) contemplates a move back in the near future. While working for ad agency DDB Needham Worldwide by day, she has been singing jazz with a trio by night. She sees **Amanda Botts**, who comes over to Paris from London to buy shoes. ■ In NYC, **Allison Ross** is writing and producing documentary films for NBC, where she works with Gretchen Eisele '90. She keeps in touch with **Kate Grimes** in Paris, **Amanda Botts** in London, and **Susie Leness**, who heads the publicity department for Vintage Books in NYC. ■ A 1997 graduate of the Univ. of AZ College of Law, **Thea Migel Gilbert** has her own law practice in juvenile and family law in sunny Tucson, AZ. ■ **Tina Swain** is still teaching Spanish at Wake Forest Univ. in NC. "I'm taking a group of students to Salamanca, Spain, for their junior semester abroad, 10 years after I went abroad with Middlebury." ■ After five good years in NC, **Patrick '88** and **Kerstin Carlson Le Floch** are moving to FL's Ft. Lauderdale area, where Patrick's employer, the export office of Volvo Heavy Truck, is relocating. Leaving her job with the Council for Entrepreneurial Development, Kerstin hopes her jobless status will allow her to finish her dissertation. Son Alexander turned two in May. ■ **Patrick Phillips** and wife Ainslie are moving to Switzerland! They will be living in Lugano for the next two years teaching at TASIS: "Drop by and see us if you're in the neighborhood." ■ **Drew Smith** (drews@cnet.com) still lives in San Francisco and works for CNET: the Computer Network. "I've been doing triathlons for several years now. In October I'll be competing in my first Hawaiian Ironman." ■ **Kristen Gustavson** (k_gustavson@yahoo.com) is the new dean of girls at Holderness School (RR 3, Box 18, Plymouth, NH 03264), where she helps coach the girls' hockey and soccer teams, "in addition to heading a dorm and teaching the health curriculum—prep schools, huh? I live near great skiing and would love to have house guests!" ■ **Lynn Ellis** and **Dan Walrath** were married on May 17, 1997. ■ **Kevin** and **Margi Sheehan Arquit** proudly announce the birth of son Benjamin on February 25. ■ **David** and **Joanie Dalbey Donahue** welcomed first child Emma Dalbey Donahue last November. At Midd, David is an assistant dean of students and Joanie coached the JV women's lacrosse team and is working part time, although she's mainly being a mom. They recently purchased a house in Cornwall. ■ **Murray '88** (mbkohl@worldnet.att.net) and **Betsy Phillips Kohl** welcomed their first child, daughter Sarah Barbara, on May 15. Murray is still with the FleetCenter in Boston and Betsy is staying home with Sarah for the time being. ■ **Matthew Leafstedt** has moved

to Ann Arbor, MI, for MBA studies at the Univ. of MI Business School. More important, he and wife Zukhra are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, Erik Stuart Leafstedt, on August 5, 1998.

PHOTO CAPTION Laurel Crabtree and **Bill Driscoll** were married on June 6 in Concord, MA. Gathering at the Country Club reception in Brookline, MA, were (front row) **David Findlay**, **Dez Havlicek '92**, the newlyweds, (back row) **Gavin Johnston**, **Jen Rowe Havlicek '92**, **Susie Leness**, **Louise Kellogg**, **Chris** and **Faith Donovan '92**, **Emerson**, **David Frame**, **Todd Wetzel '90**, **Mike Chorske '90**, **Paul** and **Tish O'Mara Scola**, **Loring Knoblauch**, and **Ian Morton**. The newlyweds are living in Atlanta, where Bill is area manager for Robert Half International and Laurel is with the Zurich-American Insurance Group.

1992

Class Secretary: **Justin Ayers** (justin.ayers@fmr.com), 660 Main St., #4, Melrose, MA 02176.

In NYC, **Dan Coyne** recently appeared on *Saturday Night Live* in a skit with Garth Brooks. Dan was the guy ripping off Garth's leg. ■ Now a multiple property owner in Manhattan, fellow D8 **Trevor Moran** is continuing his quest to become the Slum Lord King (SLK) of NYC. ■ Living in Brooklyn, **Alicia Mathewson** (am453@is7.nyu.edu) is getting an MFA in musical theatre writing from Tisch and enjoying the musical challenge. At **Carrie Harasimowicz's** July 24 wedding, Alicia saw **Mimi Warendorf O'Neill** and her daughter, **Brooke** (5 mos.). She also saw **Jen McPhee**, who planned to move to San Francisco with her MBA from Sloan (MIT). ■ After a trip home to Mexico, **Adam Cervantes** (adamcervantes@yahoo.com) began his first year at Columbia for an MBA in August. He worked at Reuters for five years. ■ **Pete Harris** (harris@arden.gbus.virginia.edu) graduated from UVA business

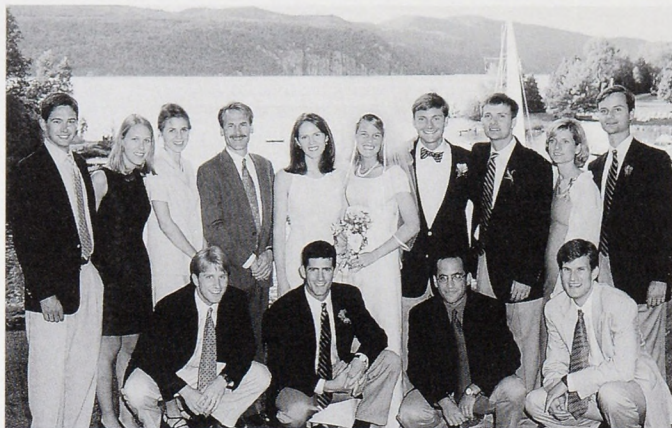
school and went adventuring with his wife in Morocco. Now he's working for a small manufacturer of specialty and industrial razor blades in VA, which, as Pete points out, is for lovers. ■ **Rachel Cononi** (rachel.cononi@treas.sprint.com) left her job at the Fed about three years ago, returned to school (SAIS, Johns Hopkins), spent the first year of her M.A. program in Italy, then finished in DC. Now she's trying to get used to her very responsible title—economist—at the Dept. of Treasury. She stays in touch with **Janet Phelps** and **John Heywood**, who live a block away. ■ **Diane Deveau Richards** (dianer@iirltd.co.uk) got married a few years ago and lives in England. ■ Also in the U.K., **Caroline Sahakian** (csahakia@datamonitor.com) works at Datamonitor, where she's a consultant in the financial services div. ■ **Fred Lawrence** is heading across the pond to get a master's in international political economics at the London School of Economics. ■ After the first year of a master's in English at Georgetown, **Jackson Ver Steeg** (versteeg@ix.netcom.com) is considering whether to go for the dreaded Ph.D. He misses Boston pubs, but not Boston drivers. ■ **Jason Craven** moved to CO this fall so he can watch more Broncos and Avalanche games; he just wasn't getting the game coverage he required in Boston. ■ **Jon Owsley** (jonathan.owsley@haldor.com), who graduated from Cornell Law School (May '97), is working in the corporate dept. of Hale and Dorr LLP in Boston. Jon lives in Brookline with



Nan Mitchell '93 and Tom Covert (see 1993 column)



Kelly Rivers '93 and Benjamin Small '93 (see 1993 column)



Mara Raphael and James Wilcox '93 (see 1993 column)



Anna Nolin '95 and Ben Halpern '93 (see 1995 column)

furniture maker **Dan Thomsen** and **Allan Reeder**, a staff editor for *Atlantic Monthly* magazine. **Gerry Pearce** (gerald.pearce@entex.com) and wife Margot live in the same building, where everyone seems to enjoy dorm life revisited. ■ **Andrea Lowenberg** (alowenbe@kpmg.com) moved to Cambridge, MA, after living in NYC since graduation. She transferred with KPMG and loves Boston, though her job includes a fair amount of travel to Europe. Rough. ■ **Bill McDavitt** had a great year of skiing and managed to get up King's Peak, the highest point in UT. He reports that **Lisa Christoffersen** (lmc@u.washington.edu) is in Seattle, finished law school at UW, and planned to take the bar this summer. ■ **John and Eileen Marvin Hosbein** (ehosbein@mindspring.com) are moving to Chicago, where John will work for Chubb Insurance. Eileen graduated from Clark Atlanta Univ. in library science, John from Goizueta Business School at Emory. ■ **Hannah Covert** (hcovert@nervm.nerdc.ufl.edu) got her master's in Latin American studies (Univ. of FL), with a concentration in anthropology, conducting her thesis research in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico. Hoping for employment this fall, she took Portuguese classes on a fellowship from UF this summer in Rio, Brazil. ■ **Alex Blanton** (alexbl@microsoft.com) visited **Bruce Bender** in AZ last March. They went boar (javelina) hunting with spears

Bruce made. Unfortunately (or fortunately) they didn't kill any boars—Bruce scared them away with his newly coifed Mohawk 'do. ■ With an MBA from Darden (UVA), **Jennifer Schumaker** (jschumaker@admin.mountsnow.com) is now marketing merchandising manager at Mount Snow Resort. She's happy to be back in VT and hopes to see some Middlebury people at the mountain this winter. ■ **Leslie Cone Pagnotta** (lpagnott@middlebury.edu) reports that **Sarah Raunecker's** health club, Middlebury Fitness, is going gangbusters! She just joined and loves the fabulous facility. ■ **Tom Kovach** (tkov@aol.com) reportedly felt he needed to start some of the riots in France during last summer's World Cup. ■ On July 1, **Terrence Ou** (tou@bus.usc.edu) left AT&T to work on data broadband communications for Pacific Bell. It wasn't an easy decision for T, as he enjoyed working at AT&T for five and a half years. ■ **Bill** (rodgers@gmpvt.com) and **Christina Bethke Rodgers** (croders@nami.org) welcomed son John "Jack" Cadmus Rodgers on January 19. The whole Rodgers clan is doing great. ■ Daughter Hannah Linda Fuller joined Sean and **Jennifer Crabbe Fuller** (jfuller@dri.mgh.com) on February 26. An economics consultant for Standard & Poor's DRI in Lexington, MA, Jennifer finished her MBA at Bentley College in Waltham in February. ■ **Hilary Rose** and Stephen Annino were married on April 25 in

Concord, MA. ■ **Julia Blackwood** and **Dylan Dimock** were married on June 6 in Farmville, NC. Dylan teaches and coaches in Chapel Hill, while Julia is a pediatric dental resident at UNC School of Dentistry.

PHOTO CAPTION In June '98, **Randy Meyerson**, **Heather Van Epps**, **Hilary Eidinoff Meyerson**, **Susan Lipinski**, **Stephanie Ruby**, and **Anne Schott** celebrated Hilary's law school graduation. Hilary is working at the Seattle firm of Davis Wright Tremaine; Randy is at RealNetworks, a Seattle Internet software company.

1993

Class Secretaries: **Anne C. Harris** (dabard01@aol.com), 1417 Dana Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94301; and **Dan Suratt** (daniel.suratt@nbc.com), 122 Bond St., Brooklyn, NY 11217.

Ann Marie Benedict continues her acting pursuits in Chicago: "Recently debuted in a modern portrayal of *Around the World in 80 Days*." She and **Karin Seminack** recently went hang-gliding in Phoenix: "What a thrill!" ■ **David A. Waters** and wife Johanna have moved to Nashville, TN, where David has begun an orthodontic residency at Vanderbilt Univ. David graduated from the Univ. of CT's School of Dental Medicine last May. ■ **Denise Semiglia** visited Theresa Bui '94 in San Francisco recently. After graduating from Thunderbird International School of Management, Denise is an international marketing manager for AIG in NYC, working within the South and Central American markets. ■ **Daniel Scheidt** (daniels@benjerry.com) writes: "After months of agonizing over our decision, I decided to leave my family business in NYC. My wife, Mattie, and I have just moved to Burlington, VT. I work as a purchasing analyst for Ben & Jerry's ice cream in South Burlington. I'm in charge of finding new ingredients and vendors, and creating pricing formulas. We would love to hear from any '93ers living in the Greater Burlington area. ■ **Dr. Laetitia Morbelli** recently received her doctorate in veterinarian medicine from Cornell Univ. ■ **Sean "Boze" Casten** is working at Arthur D. Little in Cambridge, MA, as a consultant, working to develop and implement environmental technologies in the chemical, energy, and automotive industries. He'd love to hear from Midd folks at casten.sean@adlittle.com. ■ **Jenny Brown** is in the second and final year of her master's in vocal performance in NYC. To learn more about her upcoming performances, contact her at jbrown1971@aol.com. ■ Living in New Canaan, CT, **Mark Raskopf** is a senior analyst doing research on hedge funds for Kenmar Global Advisory, Inc.,

in Greenwich. ■ **Wynne Weisman Harper** is finishing her master's at Johns Hopkins Univ. School of Advanced International Studies. She spent last year at the Hopkins Nanjing Center in mainland China as a fellow in the federal government's National Security Education Program. ■ The marriage of **Heather Clay** and **Nicholas Frelinghuysen** took place on May 30 at Three Chimney Farms, the Versailles, KY, home of Heather's parents, who raise thoroughbred horses.

PHOTO CAPTION Gathering in Wellesley, MA, for the June 13 marriage of **Nan Mitchell** and **Tom Covert** were (seated) **Monica Rueda Williams**, the newlyweds, **Lee Casselman**, (standing) **Karen Rogers**, **Jonathan Hanlon**, **Tanya Rettkowski**, **Jason Cort**, and **Kathy Dougan Cort**. ■ Celebrating the June 27 marriage of **Kelly Rivers** and **Benjamin Small** in Charlottesville, VA, were **Jennifer Gould**, the newlyweds, **Christopher Piehler**, (second row) **Ellen Raynor**, **Alan Gould '55**, **Erin Hill**, **Stephanie Gottlieb**, **Pam Daigle**, **Elizabeth Walter Miller**, **Josh Miller**, **CJ Sprigman**, **Tom Lyons**, (back row) **Heather Micati**, **Amy Stuart**, **Sarah Swanz**, **Chad Bryant**, **John Linder**, **Milo Nunez**, and **Jon Rothstein**. ■ Basin Harbor was the setting on July 25 for a reception following the Middlebury marriage of **Mara Raphael** and **James Wilcox**. Middlebury friends celebrating with them included (front) **Peter Rubin**, **Alex Ruttenberg**, **Matt Grossman**, **Jon Shepherd '95**, (standing) **Tyler Newton '95**, **Mia Johnson '95**, **Kate Nicita '96**, **Mark Gahette '78**, **Lucie Flather '95**, the newlyweds, **Paul Wilcox '91**, **Elizabeth Wilcox '89**, and **Mark Wilcox '86**. The newlyweds are living in NYC, where James is pursuing an MBA at Columbia.

1994



REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: **Kristen Roeder** (kristen.roeder@mailexcite.com), 2520 N. Fairfax Dr., #B, Arlington, VA 22201; and **Scott Godes** (sgodes@aol.com), 1401 N. Taft St., #215, Arlington, VA 22201.

Jon Shee received his M.Ed. from UMass Amherst and was promoted to chair of the foreign language dept. at Wilbraham and Monson Academy in Springfield, MA, where he has taught French for four years. ■ **Deb Vineberg** is in Boston learning a lot working with patients at her internship at Mass. General. ■ **Nancy Lord** got her master's in public health from Boston Univ. ■ **Theresa Bui** has left Red Dot Interactive to become a marketing consultant at

Business Marketing Group, working with Silicon Valley high-tech firms. In San Francisco, she got together with Kit Van Wagner '93, who visited on her way to HI to go camping and surfing for a month. Kit is in grad school in marine biology education in FL. They had dinner with **Nicholas Walter**, who has finished his first year of med school at UC Berkeley, and Kik Bijour '93, who is teaching in S.E. Nicholas and Kik were off to work in Ecuador for the summer. ■ **Mary Strife** and George Cairns were married in August. Mary is teaching kindergarten in Hingham, MA, while pursuing an M.Ed. in elementary education. ■ **Elizabeth Bales** and Michael Dell'Angelo IV, who were married in August 1997, are living in Philadelphia, where Elizabeth attends the Univ. of PA School of Veterinary Medicine. ■ **Sandy Durst** and **Steve Reale** recently hung out while Steve was in Chicago for a business trip. ■ In Brooklyn Heights, **Mary Robertson** (mary.robertson@bbh.com) and **Edelen McWilliams** report that they have a deck and a mini Weber grill that are perfect for summer BBQ parties. Mary is co-chairing our class gift committee, which includes **Laura Cowperthwait**, **Adam Scirica**, and **Dudley Winthrop**. ■ This summer, **Brian** and **Amy Young '89 DeChristopher** lived in Battery Park in Manhattan, where Brian worked on an internship for Credit Suisse. While in NYC, Brian ran into **Chris Carter**, who is doing graphic design and working on his latest screenplay. ■ Speaking of writers, **Jon Johnstone** wrote a script that is being shopped around L.A. ■ During her summer break from Columbia's MBA program, **Trista Voss** worked for Revlon. ■ **Carmine Tomas** was a summer associate for a Boston law firm. ■ **Scott Godes** had the pleasure of slugging out the summer studying for the MA bar exam. While taking bar review classes in DC, Scott often ran into Don Hunt '92, who was studying for the CA bar. ■ **Chris Marshall** (cjmarsh@pacbell.net) had a blast at the weddings of both **Booth Hodde** and **Aaron Ambuske**. Chris got his MFA from UC Irvine and relocated to Seattle to pursue acting and dancing, and to be near Aaron and **Kirsten Morbeck**. ■ **Webb Burns** (webb_burns@email.msn.com) reported enjoying the 100-degree temperatures while doing some consulting for a Dallas consulting firm. ■ After a six-month on-the-road stint, **Mandy Levenberg** (mandyl@citysearch.com) is setting up radio partnerships for CitySearch guides throughout the U.S. and in Madrid! She has returned to SF permanently—again. Mandy ran in the last three miles of the S.E. Marathon with frosh roommate **Meg Martin Maguire**, who ran the whole thing! ■ **Liz** and **Karl Pelletiere** are happy to announce the birth of twins Madison and Alexander on July 8. Karl is a financial consultant at Merrill Lynch in Bend, OR, where they

have built their first home. ■ **Brendan Collins** (brendan.collins@mcmail.vanderbilt.edu) is finishing medical school at Vanderbilt this year and applying for a residency in surgery. He recently got together with **Chris Marshall**, **Porter Fox**, **Jeremy Hertzog**, **John Anderson**, **Mike Thompson**, **Critter Thompson**, **George Putnam**, **Aaron Ambuske**, **Amy Hansen**, **Kate Webber**, **Kadie Falso Leonard**, and **Kirsten Morbeck** out in WY for the wedding festivities for **Booth Hodde** and **Naomi Moskowitz**. ■ **Rob Schlesinger** (rschles@totalwave.net) has been promoted to political editor at the *Hill* newspaper. ■ In Los Angeles, **Allen Rindfuss** (alrindfuss@hotmail.com) was knocking on doors for the Sierra Club, asking for money to protect endangered species. Then he realized it would be easier to deliver cookies on sticks. He has been living with generous **John Barrett**, who is not an accountant, but does work at Disney Interactive in finance and strategic planning (john_barrett@studio.disney.com). John spent July 4 with **Matt Thomas** and **Jason Stull** in NH. ■ **Teague Lenahan**—and **Ed Soh** (esoh@innocap.net)—founded nonprofit New York CAN (Computer Action Now), Inc., which has grown quite a bit since start-up and could use volunteers in the NYC area. Ed is starting the MBA program at Harvard in January. ■ **Josh Kucker** spent the summer working in an ambulance, providing emergency medical service for special events in and around Philly, including rock concerts, baseball games, and Nascar races in the Poconos. He also went to **Kathy Becker's** wedding in Rochester, NY. He recently saw **Kellie Rohrer** and hoped to see **Brendan O'Leary** in San Diego, where Josh was at surfing camp before starting second-year med school on August 10. ■ **Gardner Humphreys** (gardnerh@americaspromise.org), the latest recruit in Gen. Colin Powell's nonprofit army for kids, is working near DC for a group called America's Promise: the Alliance for Youth. Gardner is a state and city manager, helping to launch campaigns for at-risk youth with new public/private partnerships. ■ **Kennan Radebaugh**, still teaching high school science in Chicago, would love to hear from fellow alums. ■ **Malgorzata Gnoinska-Heusch** (Goshka) is living in OR, where she works For Dai-Ichi-Travel, a Japanese travel agency. She and her husband recently traveled to her homeland of Poland for the first time in nine years. Goshka's e-mail address is mgbh@yahoo.com. ■ **Charlotte Furey** (fureyc@dolphins.upenn.edu) is in the last year of a nurse practitioner's program at the Univ. of PA, while doing research in the dept. of psychiatry. ■ Living in NYC, **Kashif '92** and **Sujatha Menon Zafar** often see **Sandeep Gupta** and his wife. ■ **Sarah Stewart** (sarahastewart@mail.utexas.edu) graduated from the

Univ. of TX at Austin in May with an M.A. in Latin American studies. In July, she headed to Andahuaylillas in the southern Peruvian Andes to do project evaluations for a Peruvian NGO, working towards local social and economic development. ■ **Kevin Marshall** gave up an interview to serve as law clerk for Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor—because he had already accepted the same position with Justice Clarence Thomas. ■ **Porter Fox** has been named assistant editor of the *Jackson Hole Daily* in Jackson Hole, WY. He is also editor of the *Pass*, a back-country ski journal he founded in 1997. ■ Also in Jackson Hole, **Brady Blagden** recently partook in the pig wrestling contest at the county fair. She writes, "Love life out here." ■ **Keith Kelly** owns and manages a fly-fishing lodge (Eagle Nest Lodge) in MT. He sees very few Midd folks, though he and wife Erika visited **Gene Swift** in L.A. recently. Write him at eaglenestlodge@mcn.net.

1995

Class Secretaries: **Wendy S. Russell** (wrussell@middlebury.edu), 19 Melvin Ave., #3, Brighton, MA 02135; and **Douglas J. Rogers** (djrogers@umich.edu), 533 Elizabeth St., #2, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

Hillary Beard is the director of development and media relations for Economic Security 2000, a nonpartisan organization supporting partial privatization of the Social Security system. Hillary recently appeared as a panelist for a forum on the future of the Social Security system in Pittsburgh, PA. ■ **Tim Louzonis** (mctinvestors@compuserve.com) is still working in Old Town Alexandria, VA: "Our cellular joint-ventures in Russia and Uzbekistan continue to grow. I use my Russian every day and will begin making trips overseas in the fall." Tim is "looking to hear from **Mark Hamre**." ■ **Jen Mallette** (mallette@danenet.wicup.org) lives in Madison, WI, where she teaches elementary school math and science. During the summer, she was heading to MA for a couple weeks, before heading to the Northwest for a vacation. ■ **Tulane Law School** graduate **Roberta Stewart** has accepted a two-year clerkship with a federal judge in FL. ■ **Mollie Knox** finished her first year of law school at the Univ. of WI, Madison, after two years of teaching in Ecuador. ■ In her new used car, **Annika Hipple** (annikah159@aol.com) left MA on July 10 to visit Midd friends and relatives en route to Tucson, AZ. She went camping in ME over Memorial Day weekend and attended a wedding in Quebec. ■ **Ryan Sullivan** is coaching a new football team at Quabbin Regional High School in MA. He also teaches social studies. ■ **Jud** and **Karen Engler Bartlett** are renovating a NH farmhouse. They had a

beautiful wedding at the Lilac Inn in Brandon. ■ **Megan Smith** works in the education department for the Appalachian Mountain Club. ■ **Rachel Nuzzo** graduated from Vanderbilt Law; **Fatemeh Khosrowshahi** finished business school at Vanderbilt. ■ **Chip Earle** is in a four-year law/business program at the Univ. of TX. He spent last summer biking from Canada to Mexico. ■ **Kaycee Cherashore** is still enjoying life in San Francisco, while **Diana Gregory** is a fourth grade teacher in Palo Alto. ■ **Amy Bertelsen** and **Alec Perkins** graduated from the Stanford Teacher Education Program in June. ■ **Katina Houvouras** (khovouras@hears.com) is working in the art department at *Town and Country* magazine, while doing freelance photography. ■ Middlebury assistant dean of students **Martha Mullane** took a break in July to visit **Carine Falkenberg** in Oslo, Norway. Carine got a degree in psychology from NYU. ■ **Nicole Kassissieh**, who ran a lacrosse clinic and taught summer school, was excited about traveling to Jordan and Lebanon this summer. ■ **Jeremy Cutler** spent the summer at Camp Lanakila in Fairlee, VT, before returning to DC to teach fifth grade in the fall. ■ **Shannah VanWinkle** is in charge of the southeast U.S. for a marketing firm in Boulder, CO. ■ In NYC, **Ethan Scary** spent the summer studying for the bar exam, after finishing law school; **Rodney Rothman** is kept busy as head writer for David Letterman; **Matt Williams** is working in publishing; **Charlie Wyman** is working for Credit Suisse; **Sandro Wulff** enjoys working at Goldman Sachs, traveling extensively for them to Latin America; **Alexis Hasiotis** is working long hours at Agency.com; **Aidan Sullivan** is studying theatre at Juilliard; **Inger Lund** is an on-line editor for Hearst; investment banker **Rob Trager** has worked for the Salzburg Seminar and studied at the London School of Economics; and **Liz Eagan** works for *Self* magazine. ■ Jack-of-all trades **Shue Bellows** is in a poetry program at Columbia, while working part time at the *New Yorker*. He recently mentioned an interest in kickboxing. ■ **Will Dobson** is moving from NYC to Boston to study Chinese politics at Harvard. He's living and playing darts with **Mark Jordan**, who is studying public policy at Harvard's Kennedy School. He was traveling to South Africa to work with the police this summer. Also in Boston, **Paul Rosenau** is at Harvard Medical School, and Suffolk Law School graduate **Kristin Dulong** will be practicing in Boston. **Lucie Flather** plans to remain in Boston, after returning from a year and a half in Chile, where she was working and traveling. ■ **Nicole Greco** is working for Women's Health Research at Harvard. ■ After spending a year traveling and ski patrolling at Winter Park, CO, **Mara Rendi** has begun an MD/Ph.D. at Dartmouth Medical School. ■ While



Jennifer Kahn '96 and Matthew Hamilton '95 (see 1996 column)



Tasha Farrar '97 and Jim Rodda '95 (see 1997 column)

working full time in Boulder, **Kate Welch** is in business school at the Univ. of CO and is speed skating like a demon. ■ In August, **Lindsey Holmes** married Alberto Solorzano, whom she met in Mexico. The wedding took place in Anchorage, AK, and their honeymoon was planned in bear-filled Katmai National Park. ■ **Becki Plona** (beckijean@aol.com) got her master's in education from Boston Univ. in the spring and moved back to VT to become admissions director for North American Boarding Schools. She will also be helping to found and run emotional-growth schools for adolescents. "Had a blast this spring at **Steve Sidore's** wedding, hanging out with **Roberta Stewart**, **Janine Hetherington**, **Foster Goodrich**, **Greg Friberg**, **Fritz Burkhardt**, **Pete Polson**, **Rick Balakier '94**, **Paul Hughes '94**, and **Heather Shafner '97**. Also recently saw **Tory Von Hessert**, who is learning to run a bed and breakfast in the Northeast Kingdom." ■ **Steven Sidore** (ssidore@bigfoot.com) has

had a busy year. He not only married Paula Redes, but he also finished three years in the book publishing world in NYC. He's now studying for a Ph.D. in German at the Univ. of VA, while living on a big farm in rural VA. ■ **Sarah Wyatt** and **Jameson Thissell** were married July 17 at Mead Chapel, with a reception at the Bread Loaf Inn. They will live in NYC, where he attends Columbia Univ. College of Physicians and Surgeons and she is a development officer at the same institution.

PHOTO CAPTIONS In NH, **Anna Nolin** and **Ben Halpern '93** were married at the historic Philbrook Inn on September 6, 1997. Celebrating with them were **Wendy Russell**, **Tristan Phifer O'Leary**, **Jon Rothstein '93**, **Trevor Moran '93**, **Nicole Mathews**, **Nancy Fallen '96**, **Erin Eggert**, (back) **Jim Lamson '93**, **Brendan O'Leary '94**, **Daron Barnard**, **Dan Haley**, the newlyweds, **Rachel Nuzzo**, **Matt Hamilton**, **Graham Fox**, and **Justin Ayers '92**. ■ Last March, **Edwin Williamson** and

Becca Houghton got together in Kolondeiba, Mali. Becca was helping build a school in nearby Massamakana; Edwin was down from Bamako, where he was doing some work at the medical school.

1996

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Jennifer Manseau got her master's in education in risk and prevention from the Graduate School of Education at Harvard in June 1997. Now she's a clinical case manager and program coordinator for children in foster care in the Burlington, VT, area. She's employed by the Northeastern Family Institute. ■ Working at Bankers Trust, **Sam Martini** (samuel.f.martini@bankerstrust.com) is living in Manhattan with **Ian Grimm**. They are reportedly having a blast. ■ **Bret Thibault** has a new job this fall, teaching English and basic computers at the Orme School 70 miles north of Phoenix, AZ. ■ **Brett Figlewski** survived his first year of law school at Vanderbilt in Nashville, TN. Returned home to CT for the summer, he worked with the Hartford Food System, a nonprofit organization, spearheading food, hunger, and agriculture projects in CT. He also had fun as a mentor for at-risk youth and as a farm hand for a local sheep breeder.

PHOTO CAPTION The June 7, 1997, marriage of **Jennifer Kahn** and **Matthew Hamilton '95** brought together **Howard Fauntroy '89**, **Tristan Phifer O'Leary '95**, **Nikki Mathews '95**, **Abbey Krasnow '97**, **Jackie Pelton '97**, **Mark Schade '95**, **Masina Wright '95**, **Ian Smith**, **Kate Bishop**, **Virginia Crosa '97**, **Petra Stuehmeier**, **Martha Mullane '95**, **Erin Mara '99**, **Laura Wright '97**, **Lesley Tucker '95**, **Suzanne Daley**, **Liz Siris '95**, **Heather Fremgen Smith '95**, **Beth Del Colliano '96**, **Wendy Russell '95**, **Anna Nolin '95**, **Ben Halpern '93**, **Nicole Kassissieh '95**, **Steve Reale '94**, **Graham Fox '95**, **Doug Griffith**, **Sid Suri**, **Dave Masopust '95**, **Steve O'Neill '95**, **Brenda O'Leary '94**, **Dave Erickson**, **Meghan Kilroy '95**, **Gloria Ehrenberg '95**, **Shelley Sayward**, **Tracy Varghese**, **Susie Van Buren**, **Theo Dolan '94**, **Derek Brown**, **Courtney Marsh**, **Leah Mital-Skiff**, **Rob Skiff '90**, **Drew Hayes '95**, **Daron Barnard '95**, **Jon Nass '97**, **Ryan Jennings '93**, **Christine Waasdorp '94**, **Jeff Pare '95**, **Alex Cobb '95**, **Rob Merrill '94**, **Dudley Winthrop '94**, **Dan Haley '95**, **Tim Wickland**, and **Arlinda Wickland**.

1997

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Emily Onasch has finished her first year with AmeriCorps. ■ After an intensive year at a Japanese school in Yokohama, Japan, **Hana Rubin** is starting an international studies program at the Monterey (CA) Institute. ■ With an around-the-world ticket, **Wendy Goyert** worked on a "tall ship" last winter in New Zealand/Australia and traipsed around the Continent this summer. After joining Wendy for the first part of her trip, **Kristin Manix** worked in Australia last winter/spring, then returned to help finish out the harvest on her family's organic farm. ■ **Justin Weiss** finished his M.A. in French at the Middlebury Language School in Paris. His two-year Peace Corps assignment is in Guinea, a French-speaking country on Africa's West Coast. ■ While working for the NC Attorney General's office this summer, **Jen Gelb** discovered an affinity for criminal law. She's studying law at the Univ. of Glasgow in Scotland next spring and invites everyone to visit. She's still doing ComedySportz and has written to **Brooke Capps**, who is in the Ukraine with the Peace Corps. ■ Working for the Olympics, **Matt Bijur** will be traveling to Australia in the near future. ■ **Laine Catlin** is teaching English in Ecuador for World Teach; **Ellen Whitman** started the same program in September. ■ This August, **Renee Kuriyan** finished her Watson Fellowship work in Kenya, where she "learned a lot about the anthropology issues related to environment and wild animal conservation. I am continuing in Kenya for one more year as a researcher for the Save the Elephants Foundation." In November, she planned to visit **Emily Gleason** in Namibia, where she's teaching for the World Teach program. ■ **Zac Stillerman** (stillierz@advisory.com) was recently promoted at the Healthcare Advisory Board. He's having a great time with **Jen Burrell** in DC. ■ **Rebecca Palmer**, who works in the DC office of U.S. Senator James Jeffords, represented VT in the April National Cherry Blossom Festival in DC. ■ Working for the release of Ngawang Choephel took **Jon Barlow** to DC, where he was involved in the "Tibetan Freedom Concert" and a rally on the steps of the Capitol Building in June, shortly before Clinton's China trip. ■ **Brian Burke** (works at an advertising firm)

and **Adam Duarte** (works at BT Alex Brown) are living in NYC, as are **Steve Carre** and **Kyle Burke**. ■ **Shannon Reilly** loves her job at *Jane Magazine* in NYC. ■ **Keith Liljegren** works hard at *Golf On Line*. ■ After traveling to Africa this summer, **Liza Ward** is moving in with **Katie Eckert** and **Kate Emelianova** in NYC. ■ **Jen Horn** (jenhorn@aol.com) had a great Fourth of July weekend in Boston before starting a new job in San Francisco in telecommunications marketing. She stayed with **Jocelyn Nill** (jocelyn_nill@rens.com), who's working in consulting and living in Back Bay with **Sarah Ibbotson**. Sarah is doing social work outside of Boston. ■ **Seth '94** and **Chamblin Johnson Ruoss** (cruoss@acadianasset.com) are happily married and living by the Charlestown navy yard. ■ **Nadya Bech-Conger** enjoyed the more relaxed pace of teaching summer Spanish classes in Cambridge. ■ **Becky Cowgill** (becky@ctgroup.com) enjoys running executive seminars, traveling, and living in Back Bay. ■ **Nick Wilkoff** (nick@appgeo.com), working for a GIS consulting firm, lives in Brookline with **Nick Owsley** (nick_owsley@yahoo.com) and **Charlie Whinery '96**. ■ **Susie Church** (susie_church@bbns.org), who loves her job in admissions at BB&N, is moving to Harvard Square with **Megan Moynihan**, who started Harvard Law School this fall. ■ **Kip Adams**, **Brian Schmidt** (bscmidt@forrester.com), and **Bob Rice** live in Central Square. ■ **Olivia Hooper** (olivia.hooper@btalexbrown.com), who's working in investment banking in NYC, also visited Boston and stayed with **Carolyn Stewart** (carolyn_stewart/fs/ksg.harvard.edu) and **Chante Wiegand** in Allston. They went to a party thrown by **Joe Birbiglia** and **Mark Felton** in Porter Square. ■ **Meg Macy** left Boston this fall for Case Western Reserve Univ. Medical School in Cleveland, OH. ■ **Jonathan Nass**, a paralegal for Hale and Dorr in Boston, is contemplating law school. ■ **Ellie Gordon** is the director of the Score@Kaplan educational center in Winchester, MA. ■ From San Francisco, **Jen Horn** celebrated the Fourth of July in Boston, where she saw **Jocelyn Nill**, **Chamblin Johnson Ruoss**, **Sarah Ibbotson**, **Nadya Bech-Conger** (teaching Spanish at a school outside of Boston), **Brian Schmidt** (works at Forester, a research company), **Bob Rice** (financial analyst for American Express), **Kip Adams** (a paralegal at a law firm), **Nick Wilkoff**, and **Becky Cowgill** (lives in Back Bay and loves her job at Cambridge Technology Group). ■ **Matt Fritz** and **Nick Whitman** have moved into the North End. ■ **Mike Moore** (working for BankBoston) and **Laki Russo** (at BU graduate

school) are living in Beacon Hill. ■ **Alex Blum**, **Greg Carolan**, **Brett Zinober**, and **Ian McConnel** spent a May weekend boating and enjoying the sun at Ian's home by the sea in MD. Greg was starting medical school in August in NJ or Philadelphia; Brett is working at a marketing firm in CT; Ian was heading to the Marines; and Alex is working for a property developing/management company in Baltimore, developing and managing low income housing. ■ **Annalisa Parent** will serve in the Mississippi Delta teaching kindergarten for two years with Teach for America. ■ **Brad Schenkel** has been working for AmeriCorps down in Charleston, SC. After graduating from the program at the end of July, he was moving back to NYC. He hung out with **John Turney** over the Fourth of July and also got together with **Alex Blum** and **Ian McConnel** during the summer. ■ Former Midd football players **Sean Bianchi '98** and **Matt Strother** have returned to their high school in Natick, MA, as varsity football coaches. ■ **Laura Wright** started medical school this fall. **Amy Flanders** was moving to Boston. ■ **Alyson Witmer** is back in Sun Valley. ■ **Sara Vintiadis**, **Jon McCall**, **Matt Rudnick**, and **Ethan Sluter** have all moved to San Francisco. ■ **Mike Bender** sold his first movie to New Line Cinema and has been working on and off in Los Angeles getting it started. ■ **Maria Sartori** began graduate work this fall at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts Univ., having completed an internship at the Commercial Services Office of the U.S. Consulate in Milan, Italy. ■ **Abbey Krasnow** (akrasnow@newhampton.org) loves teaching at the New Hampton School in NH. ■ Living in Greenwich, CT, **Laura Tabor** (ltabor@greenfieldcentral.com) is an assistant project director for Greenfield Online, an on-line marketing research firm in Westport. She spent a week sail training on the tall ship *HMS Rose* last spring. ■ **Michael Higuera** will live in Ann Arbor, MI, while attending the Univ. of MI Law School. ■ In her second year at Dartmouth Medical School, **Jenna Mason-Plunkett** is singing with an a cappella group called the Dermatones. ■ **Justin Block**, who works on the Chicago Board of Trade, is having a wild time, making spontaneous trips to Vegas and learning the ins and outs of the Chicago social scene. He works with **Jordan Brock**. ■ **Geoff Pippenger**, who has been working at the Shelburne (VT) Museum, recently captained a "seniors" team at a charity soccer tournament to raise money to buy Butch a new wheelchair. The average age of the team was the ripe old age of 23. "God, were we feeling old after the second game!" ■ **Christine Jacobs** is working for IBM in Burlington. ■ **Thomas Ford** and **Karin Wilusz** were married in North Adams, MA, on April 25.

Matthew Ford was best man, while **Scott Davis** ushered. Living in Burlington, VT, Tom is a grad student at UVM and works for Barnes and Noble. ■ **Katie Flanagan** is doing the admissions office thing, while volunteering for the Women in Crisis Center in Middlebury. ■ **Amy Wlodarski** writes that things are going very well. "Besides working in admissions, I have been keeping active in music and was recently made director of the Middlebury College Women's Choir. I was also recently selected as a guest soloist and will sing with the Vermont Symphony Orchestra in March 1999. So, as you can guess, I'm excited about next year! Good things abound, and I'm happy to be helping my College while being able to pursue music professionally at the same time." ■ **Alexander Lee** (laundry@together.net), who has started Vermont Law School while running Project Laundry List, informs us that VT legislators will introduce the Personal Freedom to Dry bill in early 1999. He recently returned from a four-week trip on the Rupert River with Camp Keewaydin, based in Salisbury, VT. "We saw a wolf, bald eagles, beaver, mink, and a pair of otters."

PHOTO CAPTION **Tasha Farrar** and **Jim Rodda '95** were married TWICE last summer—once on June 28 in Lincoln, NE, and once on July 6 in Hamilton, Bermuda. Celebrating with them in Lincoln were **Jaime Smith**, **Carrie Huxford**, the newlyweds, and **Fritz Burkhardt '95**. Jim is a freelance 3-D animator, while Tasha is doing her first year of medical school at the Univ. of NE Medical Center. Reach them at jrodda@ixnetcom.com and tfarrar@ix.netcom.com.

1998

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Midd meeting in Mali (see 1995 column)

Tetyana Bisyk (tetyana_bisyk@ife.com) is doing research for the Fox Family Channel. ■ Living in Pasadena, **Peter Beddow** is teaching English at Santa Fe Middle School in Monrovia, CA. ■ **Jessica Weinstock** has moved to NYC and is working at Amerati Puris Lintas, an advertising company. ■ **Tanya Boudakian** continues to be queenly in her search for work in NYC. ■ In VT, **Carri Smith** is working on Gov. Dean's campaign committee and living in Montpelier. She worked this summer at EXCEL at Williams College and traveled to Australia and New Zealand. ■ **Mark Weinberg** worked at EXCEL at Williams College with **Carri Smith** this summer. He moved to Boston this fall. ■ **Jen Close** is an RHA of Wonnacott Commons, after completing work at Summer Discovery at UVM. ■ **Kristina Parker** is finishing an internship with the Red Cross in Portland, ME. She then heads to DC to work for Sen. Susan Collins. ■ **Lela Moore** traveled all across the country this summer, even visiting the "famous" corn palace. ■ **Jay Dealy** is starting a Ph.D. program in political science at Boston College, after completing French Language School at Midd. ■ **Shona Malkar** also had fun at the Language School last summer. ■ **Sarah Edson** is working for SCORE in Boston. ■ **Mike Hatada** is teaching English in Japan. ■ **Andrea Yevuta** started law school at Case Western Univ. in Cleveland this fall. ■ **Cherie Silapaswan** begins a Ph.D. program in biology at the Univ. of AK at Fairbanks. ■ **Philip Higuera** spent most of the summer in AK, working with Andi Lloyd and other students studying Arctic biology. Philip is in Lake Placid, FL, this fall, doing field biology at a research center. ■ **Melissa Loebe** is applying to grad school. ■ **Stefanie Koperniak** (skoperni@syr.edu) is working on a master's in magazine journalism at the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse Univ.

LANGUAGE SCHOOLS



Claire Kramsch, professor of German and expert in applied linguistics and second language acquisition, addressed the Language School graduates.

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Language Schools Commencement on August 14 produced 145 graduates with a Master of Arts degree and two with a Doctor of Modern Languages degree. Michael R. Katz, the new dean of languages and international studies presided over Commencement for the first time. Katz came to Middlebury from the University of Texas at Austin earlier this year.

The Commencement speaker was Claire Kramsch, professor of German and foreign language education at the Graduate School of Education of the University of California.

Kramsch, who received an honorary degree of Doctor of Letters, specializes in the area of applied linguistics and second language acquisition. She is also director of the Berkeley Language Center. Her research and writing deal with various aspects of acquisition of language in discourse, language and culture, pragmatics, aesthetics, and hermeneutic approaches to language learning. Her book, *Context and Culture in Language Teachers* (1993),

is a pioneering attempt to re-conceptualize the teaching of foreign languages as the crossing of cultural boundaries. It won the MLA's Kenneth Milkenberger Prize for Outstanding Research Publication in the Field of Foreign Languages and Literatures.

Following is an excerpt from her address:

I never thought when I was your age that I would indeed spend the best part of my life in America teaching German to American undergraduates. I was French—in fact until the age of 25, I was so French that I didn't think anything existed outside France. At that time I didn't know any German whatsoever. When the time came to take a foreign language, I had a choice between English and German. We're talking about 1947. But of course I wouldn't take English, nobody took English. English was for girls who wanted to get married. Anybody with an academic ambition took German. German in those days, notwithstanding the war, was the language of science; it was the lan-

guage of the intellectually ambitious. Anybody with any kind of ambition would, of course, take German and Latin and Greek.

People in my generation studied German to undo the legacy of World War II. We were going to build a better Europe. A Europe that would also speak German instead of just blaming the Germans without learning their language. So we were very aware that we were learning the language of the enemy. And then the vagaries of history brought me to America where I taught German for many, many years...

There I am teaching conversation classes and I don't know what a conversation is, until I suddenly realize there's a branch of linguistics called conversation analysis, discourse analysis, second-language acquisition, applied linguistics. People have actually researched how people learn foreign languages. How does your brain operate at the border between two languages, two cultures? How did you feel emotionally when you are dreaming in German even though you don't know much Ger-

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Arabic

Geoffrey D. Schad ('83-'85) is a Ph.D. candidate in history at the Univ. of PA, where he has been appointed a lecturer in Middle East history for the spring semester. He is preparing his dissertation on Syrian industrialization, 1920-1964.

Chinese

Daniel J. Gallagher ('82), a navy commander with a specialty in intelligence and 20 years of active duty service, has curtailed his navy career in order to attend to the needs of his severely disabled daughter. Investigating a possible second career as a high school teacher, Daniel has encountered a sea of red tape preventing professionals from entering the teaching profession and has launched a campaign to change certain requirements on a case-by-case basis.

English

William Coughlin (M.A. '67) is an assoc. prof. of English at the Univ. of MA at Lowell. Married, with two sons, he is active on the Hampton, NH, school board. ■ While enjoying his eighth year of retirement, **John Elder Dick** (M.A. '71) writes a biweekly newspaper column, does historical sketches of his area, has published some poems, and plays church bells. ■ *The Salt House* (Univ. Press of New England, June '99). **Cynthia Huntington's** (M.A. '83) third book, is a prose memoir of life on the dunes in Provincetown. ■ After completing his Ph.D. in rhetoric and composition at the Univ. of UT, **Scott Oates** (M.A. '83) and wife Nadine have moved to Eau Claire, WI, where Scott is a new asst. prof. in the English dept. ■ Art writer and poet **Christine Hemp** (M.A. '86) teaches artists how to write and talk about their work more clearly. She is also interested in how poetry can get artists to look at their work differently. She lives in Taos, NM, where she is now working on the poetic narrative for a documentary about the pelicans, grebes, and sandpipers of eastern WA. ■ **Irene Williams Nicastro** (M.A. '89) recently won first prize in the Scottish International Pen Poetry Competition for a sestina entitled *Retiring*. An English teacher at the American School of the Hague in The Netherlands, Irene traveled to Irvine, Scotland, to receive a trophy and diploma. ■ Carlo Anderson Spinale joined Peter and **Dawne Anderson Spinale** (M.A. '89) (pyos@goodnet.com) on February 24, 1997. Dawne is director of adult religious growth at the Unitarian Universalist congregation of Phoenix (Paradise Valley), AZ. This summer,

Dawne taught a course in spiritual autobiography called "Writing Your Life." ■ Living in Lynchburg, VA, **Rebecca Davis** (M.A. '90) enjoys teaching English at Virginia Episcopal School. ■ **Richard Kent** ('91, '92) of Rumford, ME, published his first book on teaching in fall 1997. *Room 109: The Promise of a Portfolio Classroom* (Boynton/Cook) is based on his teaching practice at Mountain Valley High School and includes his own development as a learner during his time at Bread Loaf. Named 1993 Maine Teacher of the Year, he also received a 1994 National Educator Award from the Milken Family Foundation. He has published two young adult novels, *Play On* and *The Mosquito Test*. ■ **Dale Verpe** (M.A. '92) recently received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. A teacher at Jamestown Community College's Cattaraugus County Campus in Olean, NY, Dale was chosen from among teachers in the 64-campus SUNY system. ■ **Suzanne Price** (M.A. '94) and David Halligan were married this summer in Jersey City, NJ.

Bread Loaf Writers' Conference

Robert Regan ('75), president and CEO of the Boston-based New England College of Finance since 1985, has been named to the advisory board for the Editorial and Opinion Pages of *Banker & Tradesman*. ■ **Barbara Damrosch** is the Learning Channel's garden expert and a TV personality on the PBS *Victory Garden* programs. She is also a medieval literature scholar and an expert on Geoffrey Chaucer. Her 1982 book *Theme Gardens* includes descriptions of the plants in Shakespeare's garden.

French

Leonie M. Chandonnet (M.A. '31) writes: "I may be one of the few from that era when Professors Maurice and Freeman were there. I first taught French at Groton (MA) High School and then Swampscott Junior High School, and lastly, 34 years at Newton, MA. I retired in 1965 and have led a very happy and busy life at Havenwood Retirement Home in Concord, NH." ■ **William L. Easterling** (M.A. '57), of Savannah, GA, would like to add his name to the list of former students and perpetual admirers of Dr. Stephen Freeman. He would also like to hear more from summer school grads. He has spent summers in the Spanish, French, and Russian schools and "each of these experiences has enriched my life beyond measure." ■ **Mel B. Yoken** ('59, '63), prof. of French, Univ. of MA, Dartmouth, re-

ceived the 1998 Distinguished Alumnus Award of B.M.C. Durfee High School on May 22. ■ After 34 years of university teaching, **Ed Hamblet** (M.A. '64) retired in May 1998 as a prof. of French at the State Univ. of NY at Plattsburgh. ■ **Wes Donehower** (M.A. '66), who attended Bread Loaf this summer, is now the director of Teach For America in Baltimore. ■ **Eloise Chicoine Brière** (M.A. '70), prof. of French, SUNY at Albany, recently became president of the Conseil International d'Etudes Francophones. ■ **Karen S. Camp** (M.A. '71) has been appointed chief financial officer of USWeb Learning. Karen has more than 25 years of experience in industries ranging from high technology to retail. ■ **Nina Cohagen-Dawson** (M.A. '71) has taught French for 33 years at the high school in Santa Clara, CA. She has been dept. chair twice and received a Fulbright teacher exchange to a Lycée in Nancy, France in 1985-86. Her children accompanied her to Nancy and "became fluent French speakers in no time!" ■ Although retired from Scappoose High School where he taught English, French, and German, **John P. Hayden** (M.A. '72) is still teaching part time for Portland Community College. ■ After a long career teaching French and Spanish at Nyack (NY) High School, Assoc. Prof. **Arthur D. Brady** (D.M.L. '76) has been appointed director of the foreign language program at Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, NY. ■ **Barbara Hull-Ottino** (M.A. '78) is dept. chair/teacher of French in Scottsdale, AZ, where she also sells real estate. She and husband Charles recently spent three weeks in London, Paris, and Madrid with children Chantal (13) and André (9). "The highlight was running into three of my former French students in the Louvre." ■ This May, **Deborah Notarianni-Girard** (M.A. '78) received her Ph.D. in higher education administration and international education from the Univ. of CT. ■ Vincent and **Barbara Duda Kraus** (M.A. '81) welcomed third child Mark Allen on August 5, 1997. Barbara would love to hear from **Heather Kao** ('80-82), Pam, Susan, Sally, and Wendy. ■ Kevin and **Peggy Kline Rooney** (M.A. '83) welcomed daughter Ellison Patton Rooney on December 10, 1997. ■ **Rebecca Moorhead Culbertson** (M.A. '84) reports that she and **Ruthann Budzinski Sheeder** (M.A. '87) each have a daughter named Katie. The two families have visited each other in Chicago and Denver. ■ **Amy Watness Karas** (M.A. '84) is dept. chair of foreign language and a French teacher at Fulton Jr. High School in Indianapolis, IN. She's also president-elect of Delta Kappa Gamma. Amy and husband Tim have two children, Megan (12) and Sarah (10). ■ Sister **Marian McCallum** (M.A. '85) left

Nicholson Catholic College in Belleville, Ontario, to begin teaching this fall at Holy Cross in Kingston, Ontario, where she has also been appointed coordinator of languages. ■ A French teacher for 12 years at Minnehaha Academy in Minneapolis, MN, **Mark Norlander** (M.A. '85) (norlander@minnehaha.pvt.k12.mn.us) also writes French text materials for EMC Publishers. Wife Sharon teaches first grade at Normandale French Immersion School in Edina, MN. ■ **Melissa Leman-Coco** (M.A. '86) is still teaching French and math at Simi Valley High School in CA. Melissa is also a Brownie Girl Scout leader for daughter Cecily (7). Cecily was adopted from Korea in 1991. ■ **Lee Daniels** (M.A. '88) (leedaniels@caspian.com) is a financial news editor in NYC. He also does some freelance travel writing and tries to visit France every year. ■ After six years of high school French teaching in the U.S., **Barbara Bretscher Dwyer** (M.A. '88) relocated to Hong Kong with husband Steve and children Joshua (5) and Carrie (3). Now living in Singapore, Barbara hopes to be able to teach French again in the near future. ■ **Anne F. Carlson** ('90) moved from North Oaks, MN, to Bloomington, IN, to teach French and Italian at IN Univ. ■ **Patty Smith** (M.A. '90) is teaching fifth and sixth graders at the Fayerweather Street School in Cambridge, MA. She previously taught French for 10 years at the Pike School in Andover, MA. ■ **David Goodrich** (M.A. '93) and wife Lisa DeGroat-Goodrich announce the birth of daughter Julia on March 16. ■ **Suzi Streeter** (M.A. '94) has moved to northern Japan: "Not much chance to practice my French! However, I am taking Japanese survival. I'll be here for two years, then I'll be off to another adventure!" ■ Working for a NYC public relations/marketing firm, **Stephanie Leonard Tomei** (M.A. '94) uses her language skills with French clients dealing in luxury goods, such as champagne, wines and perfumes. She and her husband live in NYC. ■ **Gillian Franklin** (M.A. '96) and Peter Twombly were married last May in Rockport, MA, where they now live. Gillian teaches at Manchester High School.

German

Herbert Ogden (M.A. '74) "enjoyed a long visit from one of my German classmates from Mainz days, Walter Voigt, on his first trip to the U.S. I had not seen him since 1974! I don't get to use German much in my law practice, so the visit was a linguistic—as well as a social—pleasure." ■ **Jennifer Moyer** (M.A. '94) and Paul Malavolta were married in April 1997. In Milford, PA, she now teaches German at Delaware Valley High School, where she is also a varsity

track coach. ■ **Thomas S. Anderson**, SJ (M.A. '95) was ordained a priest on June 12 at Gesu Catholic Church in Milwaukee, WI, where he will minister as an associate pastor. During the four years he taught at Creighton Preparatory School, he developed a German language program.

Italian

Frank Nigro (M.A. '79), of Wethersfield, CT, is the new associate dean of the accelerated degree program at Teikyo Post Univ.'s accelerated degree program. ■ **Jack Street** (M.A. '83) has been named Harry C. Moore Prof. of Modern Languages, an endowed chair at Beloit (WI) College. Jack serves as secretary of the Academic Senate and, in fall '97, he was elected an honorary alumnus by the alumni of the college. ■ **Amy S. Kleine** (M.A. '96) is now assistant director of the Syracuse Univ. Study Abroad Program in Florence, Italy.

Japanese

James Haines ('96-97) is a sales coordinator with a division of Hakuto Japan, Shigma Corp., in the Chicago area. ■ **Lee Uehara** ('97) continues as editor-in-chief of *NichiBei Journal* in Chicago. She also conducts Japanese business protocol and etiquette seminars for American businessmen traveling to Japan. ■ **Mindy Garber** ('91) is manager of support for Parland Corp., where she uses her language skills on the NameConnector Service phone technology.

Russian

Dita and **Erik Best** (M.A. '85) announce the birth of daughter Nella Kristina in Prague on October 25, 1997.

Spanish

Last April, **A.H. Roholt-Moen** (M.A. '59) was honored by Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society, with its Continued Excellence Award. She is an associate prof. of modern languages at Union County College in NJ. ■ **Albert H. LeMay** (M.A. '60) is the program coordinator of the Kellogg Institute for International Studies and concurrent assoc. prof. of English at the Univ. of Notre Dame. He teaches Latin American and Canadian literature. ■ Prof. of Spanish at SUNY New Paltz **Louis Saraceno** (M.A. '60) has published his second work of a projected series en-

titled *Las Tres Ultimas Musas Catellanas*. Wife **Fran Ricciard Saraceno** (M.A. '62), is adjunct prof. of Spanish at New Paltz. Third daughter **Francesca** (M.A. Italian '97) continues the tradition of language teaching, joining sisters Maria (M.S. Spanish) and Gina (M.S. French). ■ The Rev. **Carolyn Tuttle Fagan** (M.A. '64) recently left NJ to become minister of the historic Key West (FL) United Methodist Church. Her bilingual skills will help her in her new community, which has a large Spanish-speaking population. Carolyn and husband John have two children, Michael (26) and Diane (27). ■ **Philip Baker** (M.A. '65) is the new foreign language dept. head at SD State Univ. ■ With more than 30 years of experience teaching Spanish in the Centennial School District in PA, **Richard Bednarcik** (M.A. '68) is now a Spanish teacher at Central High in Hopewell, NJ. ■ Ada, OK, resident **Rosemarie Benya** (M.A. '68) received the Alfred L. Gage Professional Service Award given by the OK Foreign Language Teachers' Assoc. last February. She was also named Outstanding Adan in the Arts for 1998 by the Ada Arts and Humanities Council. ■ **C.J. Everett** (M.A. '72) writes to remind us that the Spoleto (Italy) Arts Symposia (www.spoletoarts.com) also offers a summer Italian language program. (See Spring 1998 Spanish column.) ■ **Jennifer Kinzel** (M.A. '72), who practices law in McPherson, KS, was recently named a trustee of the public television station, KPTS. ■ The newest book by **Carol Weston** (M.A. '79) is *For Girls Only: Wise Words, Good Advice*. The mother of two daughters, Elizabeth (10) and Emme (8), Carol uses this book to introduce teenage girls to great writers and thinkers: "It's food for thought for starving kids." Carol is the author of several books and has appeared on several television programs, including *Oprah* and *CBS This Morning*. She lives in NYC with movie director husband Robert Weston Ackerman. ■ **Alice Edwards** (M.A. '88) received her Ph.D. in Latin American literature from the Univ. of Pittsburgh in April. On May 14, 1998, she gave birth to second child Jesse Vedder Edwards-Borowicz, at home. Alice is an assoc. prof. of Spanish at Mercyhurst College in Erie, PA. ■ **Sharrie Ward Williams** (M.A. '93) is teaching high school Spanish at Cairo American College in Egypt for at least two years. ■ In NYC, **Jason Rossi** (M.A. '94) is director of production at TransPerfect Translations, where he is still looking for good people with foreign language proficiency seeking a career in translation/project management. ■ **Daniel J. Smith** (M.A. '97) taught Spanish for a year at Wilbraham and Monson Academy in MA. He's now a teaching associate and Ph.D. candidate in contemporary Latin American literature at AZ State Univ.

FILMMAKER HONORED BY ITALIAN SCHOOL



Giuseppe Tornatore (center) flanked by Italian School associate director Antonio Vitti (left) and director Michael Lettieri.

Giuseppe Tornatore, one of Italy's most eminent filmmakers, received an honorary Doctor of Arts degree at the Commencement ceremonies. Tornatore is best known for his internationally acclaimed film *Nuovo Cinema Paradiso* (*Cinema Paradiso*), which won an Oscar in 1990 for best foreign film and the "Palme d'Or" at the Cannes Film Festival. Tornatore has directed several other award-winning movies, among them *Stanno tutti bene* (*Everybody's Fine*, 1990, nominated for best foreign film), *Una pura formalità* (*A Pure Formality*, 1993), and *L'uomo delle stelle* (*The Star Maker*, 1995).

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man? Already you are starting to think in German, thoughts that you would never have in your first language. And that's where you realize the power of language to create feelings that you never had before. . .

What's the use of learning any national foreign language or any one national foreign language in a world that is increasingly global—migrating, changing, multilingual and multicultural? In a world where fax machines, e-mail, and the Internet give you an illusion of closeness and of a shared language.

Learning a foreign language is no longer just a matter of acquiring a standard translation and the right forms of the subjunctive. It is not even a matter of being able to communicate with foreign nationals in order to understand their national culture. In a global world, learning a foreign language has become an entrance ticket to a much more complex negotiable marketplace where conflicting values, beliefs, and ideologies clash beneath the well-formed syntax. In this world the ability to read and interpret the symbolic value of signs is as important as the capacity to decode informational context.

OBITUARIES

1923

CATHERINE ROBBINS CLIFFORD, 96, of Rutland, VT, on July 3, 1998. In July 1927, she and two friends became the first women to complete the Long Trail from border to border in VT and only the second documented group to hike the Long Trail from end to end. Their journey was followed by many newspapers across the country. She taught high school math and physical education in Brandon and retired from Proctor High School in 1964. She was predeceased by husband Allen C. Clifford in 1989 and by daughter Roberta Clifford Burd in 1972. Survivors include son Seth R. Clifford, daughter Elizabeth Paquette, brother Rodney Robbins, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

1928

EDWARD M. FERRY, 92, of Amherst, MA, on May 30, 1998. With a master's in history from Syracuse Univ. (1929), he was a history instructor for the Littleton (MA) schools, retiring in 1969. The founder of the Easthampton Historical Society, Mr. Ferry compiled his family genealogy and was a member of the Pocumtuck Valley Museum in Deerfield. Predeceased by wife Dorothy (Beck) in 1995, he is survived by son Edward M. Ferry, Jr., daughter Martha M. Ferry, a sister, and two grandchildren.

1929

CAROLYN WOODWARD O'NEILL, 90, of Naples, FL, on May 24, 1998. Mrs. O'Neill was a stockholders' representative with AT&T in Piscataway, NJ, for many years before retiring in 1972. Predeceased by husband Raymond A. O'Neill, Jr., she is survived by daughter Carol Aquilino, sons Barry and Robert O'Neill, and six grandchildren.

1930

NATHALIE HALL JONES, 88, of Lexington, MA, on June 12, 1998. Mrs. Jones was a librarian and taught En-

glish at Pawling (NY) High School. In 1948, she and husband Theodore Jones bought a radio station, which became WCRB. She was a volunteer for the Waltham Boy Scouts, the Weston Girl Scouts, the V.A. Hospital in West Roxbury, the Waltham-Weston Hospital, the Community League, Meals on Wheels in Weston, the Waltham Day Care Center, and many other organizations. Predeceased in 1991 by her husband, she leaves daughters Ellie-Asti Hall and Barbie Baker, son Christopher Jones, and six grandchildren.

1934

TOIVO R. AALTO, 85, of Myrtle Beach, SC, on July 26, 1998. With a doctorate from Stuttgart, Germany, he worked for Tenneco (formerly Heyden) Chemical Corp. for 41 years, retiring to Myrtle Beach in 1983. Predeceased by sons Charles and Richard, he is survived by wife Barbara (Skirm), two nieces, and three nephews.

WINIFRED W. BLAND, 85, of Block Island, RI, on July 30, 1998. For 30 years, she lived in NYC, where she was an executive assistant at Grosset & Dunlop publishing firm. In 1972, she retired to her second home on Block Island, where she worked at the Book Nook and at Sassafraash. Predeceased by a sister, Virginia Bland Smullen '31, she is survived by a niece and a nephew.

1935

GERALD O. BARRETT, 87, of Greenfield, MA, on September 2, 1998. In 1936, he was the cofounder of the Barrett & Baker Corp., an office supplies company. In 1939, the partnership founded the Franklin County News Co. He dedicated his working career to bettering the town of Greenfield and was very active in many business and civic organizations. Predeceased by wife Janet Ella (Tower) in 1985, Mr. Barrett is survived by sons Douglas and Paul, nine grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

ROBERT W. DEARBORN, 86, of Plymouth, NH, on July 27, 1998. After 10 years with the Mount Vernon Police Department, he served the NH State Police for 34 years. In retirement he was on the town school board and represented Plymouth in the state legislature. He volunteered for the NH Humane Society and was an Eagle Scout, receiving the bronze, silver, and gold palm. He started the scouting program in Plymouth, where he was scoutmaster for seven years. Predeceased by his wife of 60 years, Adeline (Dobrydnio), in 1996, he leaves son Robert C. Dearborn, daughter Janet Forrest, three grandchildren, and two step-grandchildren.

MATTHEW K. KORWIN, 86, of Yuba City, CA, on June 21, 1998. He held an M.A. in education from UC Berkeley. After teaching in NY State for seven years, he was a teacher and administrator in northern CA for 27 years. He was also a consultant for a statewide reading program. Survived by his wife of 59 years, Jeanette (Keeler), he leaves son Robert Korwin, daughter Lucinda Thorpe, and granddaughter Jeannine Thorpe.

LOUISE FEATHER WAGGONER, 84, of Hanover, NH, and Rochester, VT, on July 22, 1998, of pancreatic cancer. Her 1937 marriage to Hyatt Waggoner '35 was officiated by Prof. Harrington of Middlebury's philosophy department in Rochester, VT. While a faculty wife at the Univ. of Kansas City and Brown Univ., she was busy with many community affairs. Retiring to Rochester, she was an initiator and, for 12 years, a board member of the Park House, a unique community-based facility providing affordable shared housing for the elderly in conjunction with a multi-use community center. After her husband's death in 1988, she wrote a several-hundred-page descriptive inventory of his correspondence and a detailed bibliography of books containing his margin comments and teaching notes; the papers and the annotated books are now housed at the John Hay Library at Brown Univ. She leaves daughters Veronica Waggoner Johnson '64 and Jane LoMonaco, two grandchildren, and a sister.

1936

LLOYD G. WILLIAMS, 84, of Copake Falls, NY, on July 1, 1998. He served with the U.S. Coast Guard, earned an M.A. in English from Columbia Univ. Teachers' College, and taught at several high schools, most recently Taconic Hills in Hillsdale, NY, retiring in 1978. He served on the Copake Planning Board, was an elected Town Councilman, and served as church organist of the Copake United Methodist Church. Predeceased by wife Helen Beatrice (Griffith) in 1991, he is survived by son J. Gary Williams, daughter Janice Ann Xeller, and two grandchildren.

1937

HARRY B. HARRIS, JR., 83, of New London, NH, on August 6, 1998. From 1936 to 1980, Mr. Harris worked in the sales department of three steel companies: Columbia Steel & Shafting, Hawkrigde Bros., and Merrill & Usher. In New London, he held several town offices, including selectman and welfare officer. He was also a member of an outing club, and past president of a ski club and the Boys' Club of New London. Mr. Harris served 25 years as trustee and 10 years as president of the board for the New London Hospital. Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Alice Parsons Harris '34, son David P. Harris, and daughter Pamela Holden.

1938

CLEMENT S. HILL, 84, of Manchester, NH, on August 19, 1998. After working in the sales field, he later became a teacher. At the time of his retirement 22 years ago, he was a teacher and assistant principal of the Troy Elementary School. He also tutored many students in math. Predeceased by wife Irene (Stevens) in 1991, he is survived by son Sheldon Hill, two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and two sisters.

1940

LAURA CHAMBERLAIN SPAULDING, 79, of Syracuse, NY, on May 22, 1998. A graduate of the Katherine Gibbs School in Boston, she was employed as a secretary until her marriage in 1942. She went back to secretarial work at Syracuse Univ. after her children were grown. Survivors include husband Arthur H. Spaulding, daughters Janet Roshia and Elizabeth Spaulding, son Stephen A. Spaulding, a sister, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

BARBARA YORK LINSOTT, 78, of Long Branch, NJ, on August 20, 1998. In 1944 she became the first woman member of the MA State House Press Gallery, writing the column "Women in Politics," for the *Boston Traveler*. She also worked at the *Boston Globe* and the *Post*. For many years she was an account executive for WADB-FM in South Belmar, NJ. She was active in public relations for the NJ League of Women Voters and cofounded the Ocean Township League of Women Voters in 1972. Surviving are daughters Judith York Duyk and Deborah White Feinstein, four granddaughters, a sister, and two brothers. She was predeceased by husband Donald W. Linscott.

1943

KEITH R. CRANKER, 77, of Dedham, MA, on March 30, 1998. A leading authority on building sealants, adhesives, and coatings, Mr. Cranker was a research chemist with the 3C Company and W.R. Grace, retiring in 1967. He was instrumental in the development of rubber chemicals for specialized uses in the construction industry. Survivors include son Glenn Cranker, daughters Nancy Cranker and Judith Cranker MacPherson '72, and four grandchildren.

JANE CLINE FINLEY LAROS, 74, of Reeders, PA, on July 23, 1998. She held a master's in government administration (Univ. of PA, Wharton School, Fels Center for Government), and was employed as a municipal consultant for the PA Dept. of Community Affairs in Pittsburgh, retiring in 1983. Her husband, James A. Laros, survives her. Other survivors include son Robert C. Finley, daughters Rebecca C. Cairns and Ann F. Martin, stepson Robert A. Laros, stepdaughter Judith L. Hull, a brother, seven grandchildren, and four step-grandchildren.

IN MEMORIAM

JANE LAUX HOLT '46

August 21, 1925 - August 1, 1998



Just last March, Jane L. Brett (as Mrs. Holt was known professionally) was a featured speaker when Middlebury marked International Women's Day with a panel entitled "Advancing Your International Career: Perspectives of Women Professionals." Graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Middlebury in 1946, with high honors in both political science and economics, she was later quoted as saying, "I wasn't qualified to be a secretary—the normal job for women at the time—because I didn't take shorthand." But she quickly entered a research training program, arriving in New York when there was a shortage of qualified candidates: many men were either still in the service at the end of World War II or just getting out of the service and going back to school. By 1965, she had carved out a vice presidency at A.G. Becker and went on to become a founding partner in the investment firm of Weiss, Peck & Greer.

Always a trailblazer for women in a male-dominated field, she was elected the

first female president of the New York Society of Security Analysts in 1967. At the career forum last March, she spoke of the excellence of her Middlebury education and provided advice to students about how to continue to learn and grow after they graduate. She had become a strong role model and mentor, demonstrating how to stay vibrant, active, and intellectually curious as one ages.

Following her retirement in 1980 to care for her husband, Edward R. Holt, during his final illness, she not only stayed involved in Wall Street, but she began advising female friends who had lost their husbands. She found that many women her age had no idea how to handle financial issues after their husbands died. What began as one-on-one assistance for personal friends grew into a larger advising network. She also enjoyed landscape gardening, opera, playing bridge, traveling, and being with her stepchildren and step-grandchildren.

Sadly, she died at her Bronxville, NY, home on August 1, 1998, as the result of injuries sustained in a fall at her home. Her sister, Dorothy Laux O'Brien '45, survives her. Her Middlebury appearance, sponsored by the Geonomics Institute, turned out to be her last professional appearance. Typically, she was determined to be in Middlebury on schedule and flew up to Vermont in a two-seater during a serious ice storm which prevented most planes from getting off the ground at LaGuardia.

Middlebury has lost a distinguished alumna. ■

1949

PHILIP W. HOFFMIRE, 73, of San Rafael, CA, on August 8, 1998, after a stroke. He served in the Naval Air Corps and used his law degree (Cornell Law School) as a teacher and attorney in Seattle. In 1960, he joined the San Francisco-based law firm, Chickering and Gregory, then served as director of planned giving for Pacific Medical Center, and became a consultant to Marin General Hospi-

tal. He worked to preserve open space in Marin County and sang with the Winifred Baker Chorale. Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Josephine Overlock Hoffmire '51; daughters Kristin Ocon, Lauren McLeod, and Stacy Freeman; son Philip Hoffmire; a brother, and seven grandchildren.

CONRAD F. METCALFE, 72, of Center Harbor, NH, on August 13, 1998. An investment broker for Jefferson Pilot Co. and for Tucker Anthony Co., he

lived for many years in Avon, CT, where he served on the board of finance and as the Republican town chairman. Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Janet (Seaton), sons Conrad F. Metcalfe Jr. and William, daughter Karen Reynolds, three grandchildren, and two sisters.

NORMA HANSEN SHORT, 71, of Avon, CT, on May 29, 1998. Prior to her marriage to John T. Short in 1951, she taught at Grosse Pointe Country

Day School in MI. She edited her husband's books on library management and nonprofit fundraising and was active in Save the Children and the American Field Service program. She enjoyed cooking for family and friends, with a cookbook collection of more than 1,000 titles. Besides her husband, she leaves son John Short, daughter Lissa Poincenot, and five grandchildren.

1950

PATRICIA BONFIELD, 70, of Kennett Square, PA, on June 27, 1998. She held sociology degrees from the New School for Social Research in NYC (M.A. '73, Ph.D. '77). Her career in advertising and media promotion included positions at *Life* and *Time*, before becoming a senior copywriter for the *New York Times*. She later worked for the NY State Executive Dept., Columbia Univ., and the New School of Social Research. She retired in 1993 from the Conference Board, where she wrote major study opinions for chairmen and presidents of the top 1,300 U.S. corporations. She was recognized in 1965 with the Art Directors Club of New York Certificate of Merit. Survivors include three cousins.

DONALD C. REIFEL, 68, of Burleson, TX, on March 18, 1998. A graduate of the College of Medicine in Syracuse, NY, he served in the Marine Corps, with special assignment in Hiroshima with the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission for Medical Research. In TX, he was assistant director of the Public Health Service and practiced internal medicine in Burleson prior to his retirement. Preceded in death by son Carl in 1954, he is survived by his wife of 47 years, Beverly (Porter), daughters Karen Reifel and Krista Brown, and three grandchildren.

1951

ROBERT C. CROCO, 67, of Osterville, MA, on May 21, 1997.

1952

BRUCE J. CURTIS, 67, of Windsor, VT, on July 7, 1998. He served in the Army Signal Corps and was employed as materials manager at Goodyear Tire in Windsor for 35 years, retiring in 1987. He was involved with Windsor's Little League program, served on Mt. Ascutney Hospital's board of directors, and was

a trustee at Davis Home for the Elderly. Survivors include wife Lillian (King); sons Mark, Christopher, and Kevin Curtis; daughters Laurie Gray and Gail James; six sisters; and 12 grandchildren.

1955

JANE "JENNY KATE" REYNOLDS COLLINS, 64, of Boulder, CO, on August 14, as the result of an automobile accident. With a master's in psychology (Univ. of MI, '56), Mrs. Collins worked at the Wardenburg Health Center and was assistant to the chancellor at the Univ. of CO. She received the Robert L. Stearns Award, the highest award given to staff at the Univ. of CO. She was a member of the board of the Human Relations Commission in Boulder and a volunteer at Kaiser Permanente. Her husband, Walter S. Collins, died in 1997. Survivors include son Neil, daughters Mayly and Martha, a brother, and a sister.

1960

RICHARD M. FITCH, 59, of St. Johnsbury, VT, on July 14, 1998. A 1964 graduate of Tufts Dental School, he served in the army for two years and practiced dentistry in St. Johnsbury for over 30 years. As a past president of the VT State Dental Society, he worked to ensure the availability of quality dental care to VT residents. He is survived by parents Perry and Priscilla Fitch, wife Nancy (Gregorio), son Michael Fitch, daughter Lisa Vear, a brother, a sister, and two grandchildren.

1962

JUNE ANDREWS WHITE, 58, of Salisbury, VT, on May 8, 1998, in Quito, Ecuador. She held a master's from the Univ. of Madrid in Spain and enjoyed teaching foreign language to secondary students in public and private schools and to elementary students from CA to VT, and more recently in Ecuador. Mrs. White and her husband, James J. White, have also raised Capuchin monkeys to be trained as aides and companions for quadriplegics. She is survived by her husband, daughter Wendy White '91, son James P. White, and three brothers.

1966

CARLISLE F. LUSTENBERGER, 54, of Simsbury, CT, on August 29, 1998.

With a master's in computer science from Carnegie-Mellon Univ., he served in the army and was employed as an enterprise architect by ITT Hartford. Survivors include sons Carlisle and Charles, daughter Heather, a brother, and a sister.

1971

ALLEYNE C. HOWELL III, 48, of Vershire, VT, on September 18, 1998, as the result of a paragliding accident. A memorial will appear in the winter issue.

LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

1928

MARGARET STUART MILLER, M.A. French, 99, of Bedford, MA, on July 6, 1998. She taught French for 46 years, retiring as head of the foreign language dept. at the Girls Latin School in Boston.

1936

MYRA ELWELL VAN NOSTRAND, M.A. French, 94, of Bennington, VT, on June 1, 1998. She taught French in West Pawlet, VT, and in Farmingdale, NY, for more than 25 years, retiring in 1968.

1941

ALICE VAN HOESEN BOOTH, M.A. French, 83, of Highland, MD, on July 30, 1998. She was a teacher in elementary and junior high schools until retiring in the late 1970s.

1945

MARIAN RANCATORE CRUISE, M.A. Italian, of Woburn, MA, on May 28, 1998.

1948

VIRGINIA E. CRUIKSHANK, M.A. English, 89, of Northumberland, PA, on July 12, 1998. A published poet, she was an elementary teacher for 41 years.

1955

MACK H. STURGILL, M.A. Spanish, 70, of Rocky Mount, NC, on June

13, 1998. He taught for many years and was a noted historian and author.

1960

NINA R. HAMILTON, M.A. English, 101, of Doylestown, PA, on July 23, 1998. She was a former English teacher at Camp Hill High School.

1963

JOHN BEVILAQUA, JR., M.A. French, 65, of Attleboro, MA, on May 6, 1998. He taught French and Spanish at North Attleboro High School from 1964 until his retirement in 1994.

1966

THOMAS F. SHARP, M.A. Spanish, 61, of Lawrence, NJ, on March 29, 1998. He taught at Loomis-Chaffee School in Windsor, CT, and was a Master of Spanish at Lawrenceville School.

1967

ANNA SAMOFAL, M.A. Russian, 82, of Englewood, FL, on June 19, 1998. She was a prof. at Central CT State Univ. for 25 years.

MIRIAM ORELOFF WILSON, M.A. Russian, 94, of Oak Park, MI, on July 4, 1998.

1971

PETER R. PELLETIER, M.A. English, 54, of Peterborough, NH, on July 26, 1998. He taught high school English, French, and art; was product manager of Brookstone's gift catalogue; and opened his own art gallery, Peter Pelletier Fine Art Inc., in 1992.

1972

MIRA L. GOLOMB, M.A. French, 63, of Bronx, NY, on June 11, 1998. She taught high school English as a second language, French, and Spanish in NYC.

1994

SARAH POLICE HODGES, M.A. Spanish, of Ipswich, MA, on June 19, 1997, of pancreatic cancer. She was chair of foreign languages at Hamilton-Wenham High School and taught Spanish.

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evidence to see if it might lead to an alternative view—our college needs, our society needs, questioners, challengers. At Middlebury we seek to encourage this thinking both in and beyond our classrooms.

But the story does not—cannot—end here. The warning officer who does his job right is wrong most of the time. This reminds us that, in the end, debate and discussion must end and a decision must be made. The purpose of debate is not more debate but, ultimately, action. This also reminds us that responsibility and accountability reside not in the process by which a decision is made, but rather in the decision itself and the decision maker.

There will be many decisions at Middlebury this year, large and small, indi-

vidual and institutional. Some of these may advance the frontiers of knowledge. Others will seem mundane and utterly inconsequential from afar. Some will test individual resolve in social or athletic or academic settings. Others may put our entire community to the test. In every case we will expect, and you should expect, the decision to be informed and the decision maker to be held accountable.

That in the end is what education is all about, and it is why we take up our duties in this new academic year with purpose and joy, ready to meet the challenges we face, and happy beyond measure that you and your daughters and sons have chosen to join us in this noble enterprise. Welcome to Middlebury College. ■

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EDUCATED OPINION

By Russell J. Leng

MIDDLEBURY'S FACULTY: NOSTALGIA AND REALITY

Given the rise in Middlebury's academic reputation over the past three decades, there is a tendency for those who are recent arrivals to underestimate the quality of those who were here before them. As an alum from the '50s, I welcome the forthright praise of teaching at Middlebury in the 1950s and 1960s recently voiced by my classmate, Donald Flemming '59, and my faculty colleague, Bob Hill. Middlebury had fine teachers in those days. But when Flemming and Hill argue that the teaching back then was superior to that of today's faculty, I realize how easily fond memories can obscure reality. Thanks to a more competitive wage scale and to rigorous systems of recruiting and evaluation, the teaching of today's faculty is markedly superior to that of three or four decades ago.

My years at Middlebury as a student and faculty member overlap almost perfectly with those of Flemming and Hill, but my vantage point for drawing comparisons is better than either of theirs. I have formally evaluated teaching at Middlebury for 18 years as a department chair, faculty dean, and, recently, as a member of the Committee on Reappointment and Tenure (COR). Bob Hill has not served in comparable positions, and I doubt that Don Flemming has been to the classes of any of our current faculty.

I have no quibble with their lists of outstanding teachers from the '50s and '60s, and I could add some names

of my own. But we tend to remember the best. In those days, Middlebury also had an ample share of faculty who slogged through their old notes like Vermont farm horses in mud season. That we were blessed with teachers like Doc Cook, Arthur Healy, and, my own favorite, Charles Grant, can be attributed to either luck or the lure of the Green Mountains. There was no serious attempt to judge the quality of an individual's teaching when he—it was almost always he—was hired, not to mention reappointed.

Faculty were recruited through the academic old-boy network, often without on-campus interviews. There were no reappointment reviews. If you did not flop miserably in the first year or two, you were secure until retirement. Things began to change in the mid-1960s, during the Armstrong administration, when periodic reviews culminating in tenure were introduced. Even then, faculty resisted observing each other's classroom teaching, and there were no formal student evaluations of courses.

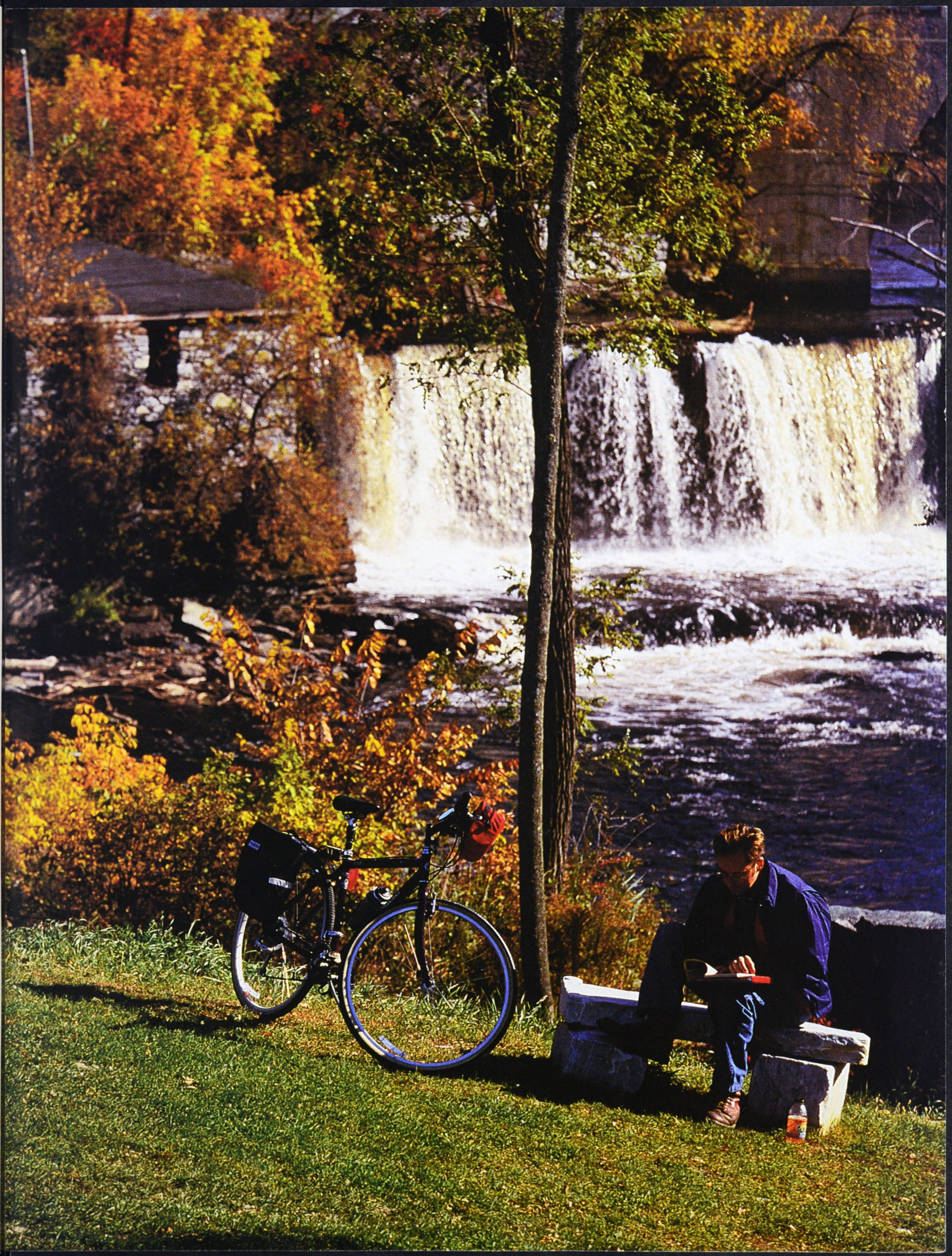
Today departments conduct national searches, attracting well over 100 applicants. Campus visits by the finalists include public lectures, classroom teaching, or both, and a meeting with a departmental Student Advisory Committee (SAC). Once hired, each faculty member must pass three rigorous reviews before receiving tenure. The teaching component of those reviews includes classroom observations by senior faculty, written

evaluation of every course by each student in the course, and a separate student recommendation submitted by the SAC. It is an exhaustive process, and, for those involved, exhausting.

Hill and Flemming argue that we overemphasize scholarship. There is no doubt that the standards for scholarly accomplishment at Middlebury have risen. Students of the caliber we have today at Middlebury deserve to be taught by faculty who are scholars in their own right. I have never bought the argument that scholarly excellence comes at the expense of good teaching. That does not make sense in theory—the two should complement each other—and it is not what I have observed in practice. But teaching remains Middlebury's first priority. To receive tenure, a faculty member is expected to produce scholarship recognized as "significant," but her teaching must be "exceptional." It is a tough standard. During the years when I served on the COR, the majority of reappointment denials were based primarily on teaching.

One pleasure of serving on that committee was observing the teaching of our junior faculty. In fact, those observations have prompted this letter. The teaching at Middlebury in the 1950s and the 1960s was good, but today it is superb. But don't take my word for it, come to Alumni College next summer and see for yourself. ■

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